

Hunger Strike of 15 Wins as British Agree to Admit All Fede Refugees

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM—Jewish leaders who went on the hunger strike Friday to secure admission of the La Spezia refugees were worn but happy this week as they rested under doctors' care following the successful conclusion of the strike when the Palestine Government announced it would admit all the La Speziers under April and May Quotas.

The high commissioner's decision was conveyed to the strikers at 6 p.m. Tuesday night by Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog.

Immediately over ten thousand Jewish youths gathered outside the Vaad Leumi building to cheer

Brings Good News

To Exceed 'Inquiry Body Quota'
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TELAVIV—The British Government has agreed to a certain number of Palestine visas in addition to the quota allowed during the Inquiry Committee's life-span, it was revealed at press conference here by David Remez, who had just completed participation in the hunger strike of the 15 Palestinian leaders.

the strikers, several of whom spoke briefly calling for intensified efforts to open Palestine doors.

The first meal the strikers were permitted to eat consisted of a small quantity of matzohs and milk. The previous evening they attended a foodless seder presided over by Rabbi Herzog.

Laski Promise Ends Hunger Strike

Special

LA SPEZIA—After a three-day hunger strike during which more than sixty persons collapsed, the 1,040 Jewish refugees who have been detained aboard the Italian ship "Fede," on which they hoped to proceed to Palestine without visas, voted to suspend the strike when Harold Laski, chairman of the British Labor Party, promised them that he would take the matter up with Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary.

The decision to suspend the hunger strike was taken following a two-hour dramatic ship-board meeting with the British labor leader. Spokesmen for the group made it clear to Mr. Laski that unless his intervention leads to favorable results, the refugees would not only resume the hunger strike but indulge as well in acts of despair which will "shock the civilized world."

Several of the hunger strikers were removed from the ship to hospital. One youth, weakened by seven years in a concentration camp, fell into a coma. Two attempted suicide. Children under the age of 17 and pregnant women were specifically exempted from going on the hunger strike. Approximately a third of the 340 women aboard the ship are pregnant.

The only physician in the party, Dr. Boris Schwartzman, a Polish Jew, ministered to the needs of the sick and weak during the strike. When the hunger strike was called off, he declared that he feared a typhus epidemic if the strike were continued.

Conditions aboard the 120-foot ship are reported to be horrible. The refugees have been sleeping in the hull of the boat, each person using a space only two feet wide and two feet high.

The only "document" that the passengers carry is a blue card on which there is a caption reading, "Permit to Enter Palestine," after which is listed the name of the holder's father, his birth-



RABBI HERZOG

place and nationality. Then the legend appears. "The bearer has been found qualified by representatives of the Jewish community of Palestine for repatriation to Palestine." Under the heading, "Authority," the following four statements appear:

"1. And they shall abide in the land I have given unto Jacob, My Servant, wherein your father abode, and they shall abide therein, even they and their children's children forever—Ezekiel 37."

"2. And with great mercies will I gather thee—Isaiah 54."

"3. Lord Balfour's Declaration of Nov. 2, 1917."

"4. The mandate for Palestine."

Hecht's Group Appeals For Money; Claims Hit

Special

NEW YORK—An ad spreading over more than half a page of Tuesday's New York Times and signed by Ben Hecht, Will Rogers, Jr. and Louis Bromfield, appealed for funds to aid illegal immigration into Palestine, under the slogan "Give us the Money . . . we'll get them there!"

The ad said that it cost \$250 to move one concentration camp victim from Europe to Palestine, and guaranteed that "your contributions in response to this appeal will be used entirely and only for this purpose."

Meanwhile a New York Times dispatch from Cairo in the same paper took exception to Mr. Hecht's claims that the American League for a Free Palestine was responsible for the alleged immigration into Palestine, and termed his disclosure as "ill-advised and unauthorized." The dispatch said

STRIKE WAVE GROWS NATIONWIDE; MAGNES REMARKS ARAB-JEWISH UNITY

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM—British troops were manning telephone exchanges at Haifa, Jerusalem, Jaffa and Tel Aviv while engineering units stood by ready to help maintain postal, railway, dock and other essential public services as the strike wave embraced fifty thousand Arab and Jewish workers, including civil servants of all kinds.

Commenting on the strike Dr. Judah Magnes said the Arab-Jewish solidarity proved the point of the Ichud movement that the common interests of Arabs and Jews on practical everyday problems as divorced from abstract theory, dictates their unity.

15 Palestine Leaders Start Own Hunger Fast

World Wide News Service

JERUSALEM — A one-day hunger strike was held last Sunday, by the Jewish community throughout Palestine as a protest against the refusal of the British authorities to permit the detained 1,040 Jewish refugees at La Spezia, Italy, to enter Palestine as the thirteen Jewish leaders, including three women, who went on a hunger strike last week, vowing not to touch food until the refugees are brought to Palestine, entered the fourth day of their fast in the building of the Jewish National Council without giving signs of weakening. Their number was increased to fifteen, when they were joined by Israel Garfinkel, member of the Tel Aviv Municipal Council, and Itzhak Werfel, Poale Mizrahi central committee member. Dozens of prominent Jewish leaders were reported to have applied to the Jewish National Council for permission to join the hunger strike.

Among the original thirteen hunger strikers are David Remez, chairman of the National Council for Palestine Jews; Salman Rubashoff, editor of the Hebrew Daily Davar, Jewish Labor party publication; David Werner, Hebrew University Senator; Mrs. Goldie Meyerson, executive member of the Jewish Federation of Labor, Mrs. Elisheva Vromen-Snape, Netherlands Jewish women's leader, and Yehudith Simhonith. Miss Meyerson is a former resident of Milwaukee.

The hunger strikers have been provided with beds and medical care by the Hadassah hospital. At first they were permitted to receive visitors, but as they entered the fourth day of the strike their physicians issued an order barring all visitors excepting members of their families.

An impressive demonstration took place here on Saturday when worshippers from a nearby synagogue came with their prayer shawls to bless and encourage the strikers. As the white bearded men and shawl-covered women reached the building housing the strikers, the fasting leaders appeared on the balcony and delivered brief talks. Goldie Meyerson pledged that the fast would continue "unto death or repatriation" of the detained refugees.

however, that the existence of a large-scale plan to bring visaless Jews to Palestine was in operation.

Chicago May Get Bias Law

CHICAGO—An ordinance making it unlawful to hold public meetings tending to incite race hatred may soon be on the books in Chicago.

The possibility of enacting such a measure which was recommended to the city council committee on judiciary, was to be studied by a subcommittee which Alderman H. L. Brody was directed to form.

The sub-committee according to the plan, will include three council members who are attorneys. The proposed ordinance was presented by Philip H. Vision, member of the state executive board of Amvets, and was further discussed at the committee's meeting by Gilbert Bordon, of the American Jewish Congress, and Ira Latimer, executive secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties committee.

Latimer Leading Fight On "Little Hitlers"

Latimer was responsible for issuance of the warrants in which Gerald L. K. Smith, the Rev. Arthur W. Terminiello and Fred Kister were charged with disorderly conduct after the Feb. 7 Smith rally here.

"Little Hitlers and Nazis are now moving heaven and earth to foment anti-Semitic anti-Negro and anti-Catholic sentiment in Chicago," Latimer said in urging the alderman to support the measure. The ordinance sought would prohibit two or more persons from assembling publicly to originate, utter, circulate or publish any statement concerning a racial, religious or national group which tends to malign, ridicule or stir up hatred and contempt against such a group.

Bordon told the committee that present state laws are not sufficient to prevent the stirring up of race hates. Several aldermen expressed doubt about the city's power to enforce the proposed ordinance and the subcommittee was directed to study this point as well as to draw up the measure.

Validity of Pittsburgh Law Not Tested

After the meeting Latimer said that Pittsburgh has an ordinance of the type sought for Chicago but since it has never been invoked there has been no opportunity to test the validity of such legislation.

PROTESTANT BOARD EXTENDS CONTRACT FOR JEWISH PUPILS

Special

QUEBEC CITY, Que.—Extension for another year of a contract between the Montreal Outremont Protestant board and the Montreal Jewish School Commission, which will be valid only if the Protestant board is agreeable, was one of the clauses inserted in a new educational measure adopted this week in the provincial legislature here.

No Matzohs in Bulgaria, Only Nation in Europe

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SOFIA — Although attempts were made to enliven the Passover, the holiday was rather dismal for the Bulgarian Jews, particularly the thousands of needy here.

This country is probably the only one in Europe where no matzohs were available and where the general food situation made it impossible to obtain special rations. Synagogues were not crowded as most persons observed the holiday in their homes.

American, British and Soviet servicemen were invited to private seders. Bulgarian Jewish soldiers and state employees got a two-day holiday.

Hold Seder On Board Fede

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ROME—The more than 1,000 Jews detained at La Spezia are still aboard the "Fede" and have held a seder on board ship. Food was supplied by the JDC.

Raid 2 Camps, Seize Guns

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Two small groups of uniformed Jews this week invaded two military camps and escaped with a quantity of arms.

Jew Killed In Vienna Riot

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

VIENNA—One Jew was killed and twenty other displaced Jews were arrested here following a riot which involved Jewish DP's, Austrian civilians, and Austrian police.

The original contract between both parties was signed Jan. 20, 1931, and expired June 30, 1945. However after the Protestant board served notice of annulment, which would have consequently left Jewish children in Outremont schoolless this year, the board agreed to educate Jewish children for another year at the personal request of Premier Maurice Duplessis. If acceptable the bill's clause will provide for a continuation of the contract until July 1, 1947.

During the heated debate on this clause, Premier Duplessis acquiesced to opposition demands to amend the clause so as to make it valid only if the Protestant group is willing.

"I do not see why the Protestant Commission should make objection to receiving Jewish children, and other nationalities, and giving them the benefits of education," declared the premier. "It is not just . . ."

Brazil Ready to Take 'European Immigrants'

Special

LONDON—Brazil is willing to accept "large numbers" of "predominantly European immigrants," her representative told the Special Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons sponsored by the United Nations, which is meeting here. In the case of the State of Sao Paulo, "substantial aid" is even offered the immigrants, the Committee was told.

POLISH MINISTER CALLS POLAND JEWISH CEMETERY TO U. S. PRESS

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON—Jan Stanczyk, Polish Minister of Labor and Public Welfare, said reports of anti-Semitism in Poland were exaggerated by Polish Jews leaving the country for the United States zone of Germany, in an understandable effort to provide reasons for their emigration.

He explained to a press conference at the Polish Embassy that the 80,000 surviving Jews in Poland "do not want to live in their own cemetery," that some wish to go to Palestine, that others are too old to begin creation of a new life in a devastated country, and therefore "understandably" exaggerated the degree of anti-Semitism. He said that murders by some criminal bands for purposes of robbery are attributed to ideological reasons.

"We are accused of having too many Jews in high administrative posts," he said, declaring that a high number of "very able Jews" hold important government and industrial positions. He cited the Minister of Industry and Deputy Ministers of Labor, Shipping and Foreign Trade, and Justice, as well as the very responsible post of Under-Secretary of State for the Prime Minister.

The chief source of anti-Semitism is among the small tradespeople who fear the competition of returned Jews, and among anti-Government and anti-Russian "conspirators" who use anti-Semitism to conceal illegal activities, Stanczyk said.

Rockefeller Heads UJA Drive Among Non-Jews

Special

NEW YORK—Formation of the Community Committee of New York, a non-sectarian group "to enlist the support of all Americans regardless of creed, for the destitute remnant of the Jews overseas" was announced yesterday by Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the 1946 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

Nelson A. Rockefeller, who recently gave \$100,000 to the U. J. A., will serve as chairman of the Committee.

The organization of the new Community Committee is in the best spirit of the American tradition of helpfulness, Mr. Rockefeller said in his statement accepting the chairmanship. "We as a nation have always reached out our hand to the rest of the world," he said. "The underprivileged of the world look upon us as a nation of many privileges. They look to us for material relief; they look to us also for moral leadership.

"Although we have done much, there is still more to be done. In the present world crisis we have not as yet lived up to what the world has thought of us or hoped of us. We have not lived up to it as far as all mankind is concerned — we have especially failed the Jews of Europe."

"We have just finished a long and costly war against Nazism. However, if a single additional Jewish life is lost, then Hitler has gained another victory. We must defeat Hitler in this, too.

"I know I speak for all men and women of good will when I say it is a privilege to become part of this United Jewish Appeal campaign and to support this cause with our money, our time and our hearts."

Mr. Rockefeller announced that organization of his Committee was now in progress.

The chain stores of Marks and Spencer in England have shown an interest in Palestinian fashion goods, handicraft, jewelry and artificial flowers.

Search for Children in Gentile Homes Goes On

World Wide News Service

PARIS—The French Control Committee in Germany has appealed to German priests and ministers to help locate 9,000 Jewish children whom the Nazis deported to Germany in 1943. Since the deportation the children have not

Ask UN Consider Problem

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—In a memorandum to the United Nations Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons, the Agudas Israel has requested immediate consideration of the problem of Jewish War orphans who are still in non-Jewish homes throughout Europe. Declaring that it is the right of every child to take the religion of its parents, the memorandum says "to save the life of the orphan and then to rob it of its religious belief would amount to spiritual looting, contrary to the four freedoms."

been heard of, and the French authorities suspect that a considerable number of them are being kept in German families.

At the same time 185 Jewish children were brought from Poland to Paris to be placed in Jewish homes in France and in England.

The rescue work of the Jewish children in Europe is being conducted by a special Committee formed by the late Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, Joseph Hertz, and is now being carried on by the son-in-law of the Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Shoenfeld of London.

La Follette Says U. S. Should Fight British Act

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TOLEDO, Ohio—Because the United States has failed to protest to Great Britain against the British proposal to divide Palestine in order to set up the allegedly independent country of Transjordan, "our Government has become a party to a breach of trust," Senator Robert M. La Follette, Jr., of Wisconsin, declared here this week.

As a signatory to the Anglo-American convention of 1924, which ratified the British Mandate for Palestine, "the United States has every reason and every basis to protest this intention," Senator La Follette told a mass meeting in the Collingwood Avenue Temple. "It could do so, also, as a partner in the joint Palestine inquiry which is now proceeding. But it has not done so and by its inaction has become a party to a breach of trust."

Senator La Follette asserted that "British rule in Palestine is no longer based on law. It is a rule of force only, a rule of bayonets," he said. "At present, the legal status of a Jew in Palestine—in the country which is presumed to be his home—is inferior to his legal status in most other countries of the world."

To Prospect for Oil In Dead Sea Region

Special

JERUSALEM—A new company for oil prospecting, owned by several Palestinians and one British subject, has been founded here it was learned recently. With a share capital of LP. 250,000 to start with, the company intends beginning its activities in the Dead Sea region.

Seek Funds to Move Jews Secretly to Palestine

Special

NEW YORK—Playwright Ben Hecht and former Congressman Will Rogers, Jr., are constituting themselves a channel through which American funds will reach the underground railway in Europe now moving Hebrews to Palestine. The two men, Co-Chairmen of the American League for a Free Palestine, will head a special Repatriation Fund to be launched by the League April 15.

"Mr. Rogers and I will guarantee to contributors that all monies in the Fund will be forwarded intact to Europe for use by representatives of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation. They will be used specifically for setting up embarkation points, chartering or buying ships, and transporting men, women and children to Palestine," Mr. Hecht stated. Costs of raising and administering the Fund will be defrayed out of the general funds of the American League, he said.

Says 40,000 Smuggled Into Palestine

Representatives of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation in Europe report that the underground railway is still in functioning condition. Additional recruits from the Hebrew resistance movement in Palestine have strengthened the machinery which, in 1937-40, moved to Palestine under the noses of the Gestapo more than 40,000 people. These representatives have reported that under conditions prevailing in Europe today the average cost of moving a person from an interior point to a port and then to the Palestine shore is about 250 American dollars.

"Movement has already begun," Mr. Hecht declared. "The number of people who can be moved and the tempo of their movement will depend on the American response to the need.

"We want to increase the present trickle to a mass exodus. Thirty-two hundred years ago the Hebrew people left Egypt for Palestine in the first Exodus. The modern Moses is hidden somewhere in the anonymity of the resistance movement but the second Exodus has begun.

Bread, Shoes Won't Solve Problem

Giving these people "a loaf of bread or a pair of shoes," Mr. Hecht pointed out, will not solve their problem. Eleven hundred of them now in an Italian port have refused to eat rather than be thwarted in their efforts to reach Palestine. Charity that seeks to keep them alive without altering their condition is prolonging a desperate situation and leaves still in existence a vulnerable spot through which enemies of peace can attack, just as Hitler did and as others are trying to do.

Soviet Supplied Matzohs To Jews, Leader Says

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MOSCOW—Soviet authorities provided religious Jews in the U. S. S. R. with matzohs and assisted them in observing Passover, Samuel Chobrutsky, chairman of the Moscow Jewish community, said here.

In Moscow, Chobrutsky revealed, matzohs were sold in the state food stores at reasonable prices. The unleavened bread was baked under the supervision of Rabbi I. Shliffer. Besides government bakeries a number of private matzoh baking factories supplied the Jews, and Chobrutsky estimated that a sufficient quantity was baked to supply all the Jews in the city.

He also reported that matzohs were available in many cities, including Odessa, Riga, Kharkov, Kiev, Tashkent, and Kuibyshev.

A. J. Congress Sets Convention Date

Special

NEW YORK—The American Jewish Congress has issued a call to its first convention in four years, to be held from Wednesday evening, May 29, to Sunday afternoon, June 2, at the Hotel New Yorker.

To Hear Eritrea Case

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—The Privy Council, the British Empire's highest appellate court, this week agreed to hear arguments on the case of Ben Elizer, a Palestine Jew who has been confined in an Eritrean detention camp, despite a writ of habeas corpus granted to his attorney by the Palestine High Court.

The Jerusalem Municipal Council has approved the expropriation of 144 dunams of German-owned land in Sarona for the housing of discharged servicemen and refugees.

Some 14,000 Palestine Jewish soldiers and auxiliaries are still on active service in the British army.



WILL ROGERS, JR.

Celler Resolution Would Bar Recognition

Jewish World News Service

JERUSALEM—Accusing Britain of "sabotaging" the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine "by presenting it with the independence of Transjordan as a fait accompli," Representative Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, on the floor of the House has introduced a concurrent resolution asking that the United States Government withhold recognition of Transjordan as an independent state and request all members of the United Nations to take a similar stand.

The resolution emphasized that Britain's action is a "violation of the solemn terms of the mandate over Palestine which includes Transjordan" and also violates the Anglo-American convention of 1924 "which protects the rights of American citizens in all of Palestine, including Transjordan, and which precludes unilateral infractions of its terms by the parties signatory."

Army Plant in Palestine Bought by Combine

Special

TEL AVIV—The American Army's "jerry-can" (petroleum can) plant at Tel Litwinsky—containing valuable machinery, accessories and raw materials—has been purchased for \$290,000 from the U. S. Army-Navy Liquidation Board for a Jewish group in Palestine. The prefabricated plant and other equipment will be allocated among local factories.

The firms taking part in the purchase are Palestine Industries, Ltd.; the Solel Boneh contracting office and the Hamashoir Hamerkazi Cooperative Wholesale Society, both affiliated with the Histadruth; and the Palestine Trade and Investment Company.

Kisch Laboratories Construction Begun

Special

HAIFA—The Haifa Hebrew Technical Institute has begun construction of laboratories financed by the Brigadier F. H. Kisch Memorial Fund. The laboratories for Analytical Chemistry and Micro-chemistry are now under construction, and a third story in the same building will house the Physical Chemistry department.

300 Jewish Refugees Arrive Here

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—More than 300 Jewish refugees from Europe arrived here this week on the Swedish ship "Drottningholm" which brought 800 passengers on her first post-war trip to this country. The majority of the Jewish passengers were women liberated by the Allied armies from various Nazi camps.



Jewess Killed 1,062

Dr. Gizella Pearl, gynecologist refugee from Rumania, is shown in New York as she told the horror story of Nazi prison camp life. According to Dr. Pearl, she was captured by the Nazis and sent as chief gynecologist to Auschwitz camp where she put to death 1,062 newly-born babies to save their mothers from being burned alive, since it apparently was Nazi practice to destroy women weakened by child-bearing. For the same reason Dr. Pearl said she also performed many abortions. (International)

Hillman Appeals To Labor Government

World Wide News Service

NEW YORK—An appeal to the British Labor Government to "abrogate the infamous White Paper of its Tory predecessor" and to admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine was made here by Sidney Hillman, President of the American Clothing Workers of America. Mr. Hillman said their fate "is not something for Britain to dispose of in its own narrow national interest." He said that "Britain holds the Palestine mandate as a trust for which she is responsible before the democratic world," and that the "trust must not be used as a pawn in the game of empire."

JWB Regional Meeting Hits Lack of Jewishness of Own Leaders

BY HARRY CUSHING

Jewish Post Staff Correspondent

BOSTON, Mass.—In an effort to evaluate the Jewish Community Center and as to what it should do to emphasize a positive Jewish program in the community, a dozen key leaders in New England Jewish affairs, meeting in conference here, have laid the groundwork for the revitalization of Jewish values in Jewish Community Centers.

The luncheon conference held at the Hotel Kenmore here on Sunday afternoon was sponsored by the N. E. Section of the Jewish Welfare Board.

Several of the group emphasized the lack of Jewish background among top leaders in the Jewish Welfare Board. These spokesmen bluntly declared that for many years some of the professional leaders in the Jewish Centers have had a negative attitude of Jewish life. This, it was stated, was not necessarily true in all instances but enough to cause concern.

The meeting resolved in planning a "pattern for Jewish living as well as a Jewish emphasis for Jewish living." On this basis concerted efforts will be inaugurated to bring about maximum Jewish content in the Jewish Community Centers of New England.

Heckling Interrupts Debate on Zionism

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Shouting and heckling from the audience consisting of Zionists and anti-Zionists, interrupted a Town Hall debate this week on the Palestine question in which Jewish, Arab and Christian speakers participated.

Dr. Kalil Totah, of the Institute of Arab American Affairs, and Henry N. Hall, secretary of the Overseas Press Club of America, which sponsored the debate, were shouted down before they could complete arguments against the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. Rabbi Baruch Korff, of the Political Action Committee for Palestine, was interrupted during the presentation of statistics on Palestine's capacity to absorb Jewish immigrants.

Other speakers included Louis Lipsky, of the Zionist Organization of America; Rabbi Elmer Berger, of the Council for Judaism; Kloussy Khairy, of the Washington office of the Arab League; Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, and Frank Gervasi, writer and war correspondent.

British Reneged on Zionist Debate

Jewish Post Staff Correspondent

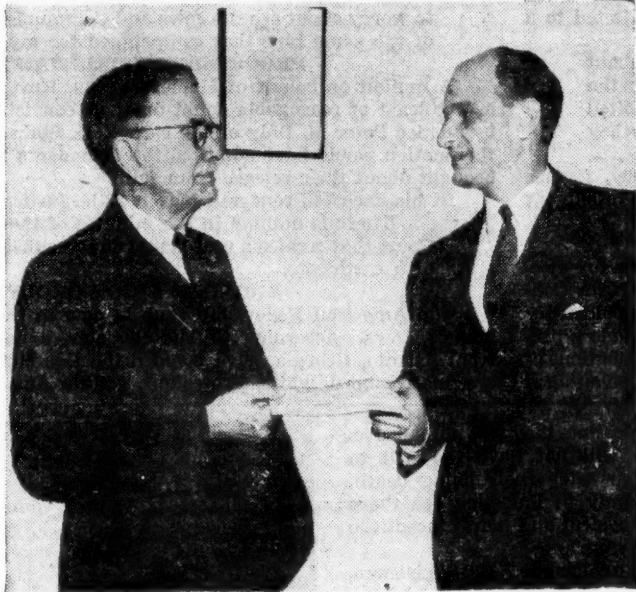
NEW YORK — The Overseas Press Club of America, an organization of American journalists who have worked as foreign correspondents, announced that British officials here changed their mind about taking part in a forum on the Palestine question, which the club arranged. Although a speaker for the British point of view had been promised last week, the Overseas Press Club was informed that the British did not wish to say anything while the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee was still working on its report.

New 'Hebrew Melody' Record Just Released

Special

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—RCA-Victor has just released a new recording of "Hebrew Melody" by Joseph Achron, played by Mischa Elman.

"Hebrew Melody" is one of the miscellaneous works that Achron, gifted violin pupil of Leopold Auer, wrote in later life. Its plaintive melodic phraseology, the lyric beauty of its simple theme and the intensity which Elman endows his interpretation makes it an outstanding record.



Methodists Give \$10,000 to U.J.A.

Bishop Herbert Welch, (left), Chairman of the Committee for Overseas Relief of the Methodist Church, presenting a check for \$10,000 to the nationwide \$100,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. Bishop Welch's contribution was accepted on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal by Edward M. M. Warburg, Chairman of the Greater New York U. J. A. Bishop Welch said that the Methodist Church wished to join "in the common task of bringing relief to the suffering and hope to the oppressed and the despairing."

SEES TWO REPORTS, WITH MAJORITY ONE ANTI-ZIONIST

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Isaiah Klinoff, chief of the information bureau of the Jewish Agency, who arrived from Jerusalem this week, said that he expected the Anglo-American inquiry committee, now deliberating on its report at Lausanne, to issue majority and minority reports. He emphasized that regardless of the decision of the committee, the Jews in Palestine were determined to continue immigration by all means at their command.



On Air For U.J.A.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury, will be the principal speaker during a special nationwide broadcast over the NBC network at 6:15 p. m. Tuesday, April 23 (EST) under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal.

Says U. S. Can Get Free Palestine Immigration

Special

NEW YORK — If the American government wants free Jewish immigration into Palestine urgently enough, and if it wants a Palestine Jewish Commonwealth keenly enough, it can secure Great Britain's consent," declared Dr. Israel Goldstein, past president of the Zionist Organization of America, in a radio address here under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America.

HATIKVAH, GOD BLESS AMERICA SONGS EUROPEAN JEWS DESIRE TO SING MOST

Special

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—"Hatikvah" and "God Bless America" are the two songs of hope symbolizing aspirations of European Jewry, Rabbi David M. Eichorn, assistant director of the committee of army and navy religious activities of the Jewish Welfare Board, declared here Sunday at a breakfast meeting of United Jewish Appeal workers.

Rabbi Eichorn, one of the first army chaplains to conduct services in German concentration camps, said Jewish survivors of the Nazi horror program came to him singing Hatikvah and requesting him to sing God Bless America. He said the two songs symbolize the fact that European Jewry's hope for salvation in Palestine rest in American Jewry's ability to provide the necessary funds.

WRITER SEES REAL NEWS AS ARAB WORKERS STRIKE WITH JEWISH

By FRED A. STERN

Special

NEW YORK — There was a little item reported from Palestine this week which was not given much space, but which seems of considerable significance. The story told of a strike in the postal and radio services of Palestine. The story added that Jewish and Arab workers in these services, who are now on strike, paraded together throughout the streets of Jerusalem.

100,000 DPs to Palestine In Month—Gen. Morgan

World Wide News Service

GENEVA — All the 100,000 displaced Jews now in Europe can be transferred to Palestine within one month, according to Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan, UNRRA director in Germany.

General Morgan was reported to have made that disclosure before the Anglo-American inquiry committee, now framing its findings at Lausanne. Informed circles here pointed out in connection with Sir Frederick's testimony that it had been rumored that the American members of the committee were favoring a plan under which the displaced would be transferred to Palestine this year, as against the British plan to effect the transfer over a period of years.

Building to Start on Hebrew U. Med School

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Construction on the New Hebrew University medical school on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem is expected to begin within the next few months, Sir Leon Simon, chairman of the executive committee of the University, disclosed here.

Pointing out that of the 15,000 Jewish physicians in the sections of Europe which were occupied by the Nazis, only about 300 can be accounted for, Sir Leon said that the new medical school will furnish a source of doctors for the devastated European Jewish communities and for the entire Middle East. About 50 students will be admitted yearly during the school's first few years, but it is hoped eventually to train 200 annually, he said.

The faculty for the school is being recruited here and in Europe, Sir Leon revealed, but the institution will be run along Anglo-American lines. A board of American Jewish physicians will act as advisors.

At present, a \$4,000,000 campaign for the school is under way in the United States.

Conference Head Tells Concern on Mufti

Special

NEW YORK — Asserting that the contemplated release of Haj Amin el Husseini, ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, would involve the French Republic in a violation of the United Nations pledge to prosecute all war criminals, Henry Monsky, Chairman of the American Jewish Conference, today cabled French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault to express American Jewry's deep concern in the matter and urging its prevention.

On the face of it, this may not seem very significant and, yet, a little thought will show that considering that this took place in Palestine, it is an incident not quickly to be brushed aside. It shows for one thing that Jewish and Arab workers can get together, but above this, the very fact that Arab workers are on strike is of a significance of itself. In no Arab countries outside of Palestine do we hear of Arabs going on strike. Not that their condition in these other Arab lands is so good that strikes are not called for. The fact, on the contrary, is that in no part of the world is the worker so exploited as in the Arab lands.

It is clear that the Arab workers have learned something about bettering their conditions from the Jews, just as the Arab agriculturists have learned more scientific methods from the Jewish farmers.

All of this goes to prove what has been said time and again—and yet is still not realized—that the Jewish development of Palestine is just as great a boon for the Arabs as for the Jews.



K.K.K. Raided In L. A.

Despite the shortage of materials, the Ku Klux Klansmen of today appear able to get bedsheets—as revealed above by Special Agent J. H. Mulvey of the Department of Justice, who wears one of the samples seized in a Los Angeles raid. Thus disguised, he reads samples of Klan literature being held as evidence. (International)

LATEST NEWS ON DOINGS OF OUR ANTI-SEMITIC FRIENDS

(Prepared by the American Jewish Committee)

UPTON CLOSE ADDRESSES CLEVELAND GROUP

Addressing a meeting of the Intelligent American Voters' League, held at the Masonic Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio, on March 10th, Upton Close charged that "a member of a certain race" had made a "false report" to Pennsylvania's Governor Edward Martin of what Close had said at a meeting of the Mt. Lebanon (Pa.) Council of Republican Women on March 7, 1946. This "false report" was the cause, according to Close, of the Governor's public denunciation of him (The Home Front, March 15, 1946). Close stated that "this was an overall plan of that certain race to cause confusion and dissension."

Commenting on the arrest of Gerald Smith, Arthur W. Terminiello and Frederick Kister in connection with disorders at Smith's Chicago meeting on February 7, Close "revealed" that "a Jewish newspaper had the story of the riot on the street eight hours before it occurred." Smith and his associates had been subjected to a "kangaroo court," Close said. He further stated:

Those are the very people who put up such a plea and yell about Brotherhood Week. They are the ones who cry for tolerance and are the ones who are financing the non-discrimination program in the United States today. They are trying to pull the wool over the eyes while they stab us in the back.

The other principal speaker of the evening was Martin L. Sweeney, former Congressman, who last year organized and was the president of the Intelligent American Voter's League.

BIGOT CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN MISFIRES

D. Hamilton Brackett of Atlanta, Ga., in the course of his campaign for election to Congress from that district, advertised his "platform" in The Atlanta Constitution of February 5, 1946. The "platform" urged that "name changers" identify their original names, and asked if "it is just an accident that Jews have made a preponderance of enemies, and non-Jews a preponderance of friends in other nations?" It continued: "Their 'Invisible Power' and racial unity gives them all advantages

over trusting Gentiles, and hence over our Government."

In the resulting contest, Brackett received only 35 votes out of some 30,000 cast.

McCLANAHAN RECALLED

Los Angeles Councilman Meade McClanahan, supporter of Gerald L. K. Smith activities, was recalled from office by the voters of the 13th city district in a special election on March 19th. John R. Roden, a recently discharged veteran, was elected to replace him.

Shortly after, McClanahan announced that he will be a candidate for Congress in the Republican primary on June 4th from the 13th Congressional district of Los Angeles.

In a press interview, McClanahan said:

The recall made me a martyr for Americanism. The only people to worry about are the Jews and Communists and other anti-Americans of the same type that campaigned for my recall.

PROGRESS OF CHRISTIAN FRONT CASE

A motion on behalf of Homer Maertz, Kurt Mertig and Ernest Elmhurst for a certificate of reasonable doubt on their conviction last January has been denied by Justice Peter M. Daly of the New York State Supreme Court. The granting of this motion would have admitted the defendants to bail pending their appeals, and brought about their release from jail.

In his decision, rendered March 18th, Justice Daly stated:

There is nothing in the minutes of the trial or the findings of the Court that creates a reasonable doubt sufficient to warrant the granting of a certificate.

ANOTHER BIGOT GROUP FORMING

The American Fellowship Club is now in the process of organization at Des Moines, Iowa. According to The Register, a newspaper of that city, organizers from Atlanta, Georgia, have invaded the Des Moines area, inviting prospects who are "native born, white, Protestant, gentile American citizens" to join up.

A Weekly Digest of

The Yiddish Press

By RABBI BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE \$25,000,000

DEAR READER, your excitement was in vain. Twenty-five million dollars to Jews from the Reparations Commission! For settling the uprooted in Palestine! You must have read it under large headlines. Well, the news is a fake, says the Journal's J. Fishman.

In the first place, it's not news. It was reported long ago by Dr. Jacob Robinson, at the American Jewish Conference. Second: It's not money. It's the gold teeth, and wedding rings, taken from our corpses in the camps, and piled up by the Nazis. Third: It's not Palestine. Six months ago, when the Commission mentioned the subject, resettling of refugees was mentioned, but never Palestine. "I don't understand why Bernard Joseph, of the Jewish Agency, gave this elderly item to the press." The whole method of handling that so-called "reparation," the niggardly sum, and the form of its giving, "is a great insult."

Besides, the tale reminds us of the old story of Bob. He won \$1,000 in the stock market. It turned out that it wasn't a thousand. It was five hundred. It wasn't Bob. It was John. And he didn't win it. He lost it. Otherwise, the story is correct.

Al Segal Gets His Wish—Orthodox Jewish War Vets

Al Segal had fun opposing the Jewish War Veterans, by arguing: Then, why not orthodox, and reform, war veterans? Here you are, Al! They've got it.

"Under the banner of Torah and tradition," and the Jewish War Veterans, an orthodox post is being formed at the Yeshiva of Rabbi Chaim Berlin in Brooklyn. "The aim of the post is to strengthen these Jewish heroes in . . . fear of heaven." The founders boast, "This is the first and only Yeshiva which has grasped the timely thought of organizing under its wing a spiritual home for the Jewish veteran." A charter is being given by the J. W. V. (Journal).

Dr. Goldstein Criticizes Labor

Groups Claims In Election

Jerusalem cable to Journal: Straw vote shows this result for World Congress election: Labor, 120 delegates. General Zionists, 110. Mizrahi, 40. Revisionists, 30. Labor has a plurality in this estimate, but not a majority. Dr. Israel Goldstein (Journal) asks for friendship and calmness on behalf of all parties in the excited election campaign here. Then he proceeds to criticize the Labor people. They misrepresent themselves, he complains. Call themselves "Labor and Progressive Bloc." They're not the progressives, because we are as progressive as they are. And not Labor; because the Histadrut, whose name they use, has, in Palestine, our people among them, and persons of all parties. The Histadrut is only the federation of men who work for a living. Labor politicians should admit, here, that they represent the "Mapai," just a political party; and not use popular names to catch votes.

Take Your Pick From These Ads

The Journal takes the "cake" this week with matrimonial ads. Here's one that's frank, anyhow. "Old Maid, 45, possesses enough capital to retire from good business, desires good looking gentleman." A father advertises a "daughter, college graduate, Dodger fan." And a "young widow, 34, attractive, from Boston, owns mink coat and substantial means, seeks gentleman." Finally, a lady describes herself as a "beautiful Powers model type."

Nothing Un-Jewish In Word "Palestine"

"Eretz Israel" is a nice name to use for the Holy Land. But don't be afraid of "Palestine." Some highbrows have been calling it heathen, un-Jewish, and everything else. But a Forward correspondent reminds us that the old Midrash used this name often. Thus, in the Midrash Rabbah we have this sentence: "Three years and a half did the Emperor of Rome keep four Governors in Jerusalem—those of Arabia, Africa, Egypt, and 'Pal-estina.'"

Rabbis' Sons In Poland Making Sign of the Cross

The Day's Dingal points out that even if our hounded brethren are finally settled elsewhere than

in Palestine, they will not survive. They will not have the will to survive after their living death. For, only in Palestine are there the physical and moral incentives for living.

His colleague, L. Shpiesman, relates that rabbis in Poland were horrified to find their sons making the sign of the Cross. Also, a large majority of Polish Jews are not known as Jews, and keep Jesus figures in their window. They live in constant fear. M. Lazerson (Day) quotes the peasants as asserting that "now the Nazis have been driven out. The Jews are next!"

Rabbis, Inter-Faith Moves JWB, Religious Revival, Etc.

Rabbi Benjamin Lipshitz, of Fall River, Mass., complains to the Journal that inter-faith services are a snare and a delusion. He knows of children who during good-will exchanges went to church, and were impressed. He hints his townsman, Rabbi Ruderman, "of the Temple," is responsible. Let Ruderman's teacher, President Finkelstein of the Seminary, he implies, look in his own backyard. Besides, inter-faith doings seem not to have had any effect on the increasing anti-Semitism.

Massachusetts rabbis are outspoken. Rabbi Gershon Romanov, of Chelsea, doesn't like the Jewish Welfare Board and its Centers, he informs the Journal. A Center director comes to town, and founds a Hebrew school which is not religious; and the Shul and its rabbi are relegated to the background. J. W. V. workers in communities, he asserts, mix with free-thinking elements. Also, they're absent from synagogue, and don't keep the Sabbath.

Reform Director Eisendrath's "Labor Congregations," are a jolly good idea, avers the Forward's usually anti-rabbi Zivion. But will the laborers come to them? He thinks not. In a mellow mood, Zivion is willing to concede there is a religious revival afoot. Also, that Reform Judaism may have something (on the theory that it has little religion; so it's somewhat good). But, when Yiddish labor turns to religion, it won't reform. They'll come back to traditional forms, "which each man will reform in his own way."

But he's kind to Reform this week. "I never agreed with the Orthodox non-worshippers, and ham-eaters, when they attacked Reform. It is easy for anyone to defend Orthodoxy; when he doesn't mean to keep it himself."

Rivlin Thinks Anglo-Jewish Press Terrible and Provincial The Journal's M. Rivlin thinks



Patterson Congratulates Women

Ranking national officers of the Women's Supreme Council of B'nai B'rith are received by Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, who expressed his appreciation for the war service record of the organization numbering 75,000 women. Seated (left to right): Mrs. Maurice Turner, Chicago; Mr. Patterson; Mrs. Arthur G. Laufman, Chicago; Mrs. Lenore D. Underwood, San Francisco. Standing (left to right): Mrs. Ida Cook Farber, newly elected president, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Abram Orlow, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Benjamin Rosenthal, Los Angeles—vice presidents; Mrs. Maurice Bisgyer, treasurer, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Hyman C. Weisman, secretary, St. Louis. Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Laufman and Mrs. Underwood are past presidents of the Council.

YOUR NAME

By N. PEARLROTH

If you want the derivation of your name traced and explained, write to Mr. Pearlroth, The Jewish Post, Box 1633, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mr. Pearlroth:

I would be very thankful to you if you could find the origin of my family name. It is Foodym. My father and I were born in Odessa. In English it means thread.

Yours very truly,
ABRAHAM FOODYM

323½ S. Catalina St.,
Los Angeles 5, Calif.

Fudym
This is an occupational name

the Anglo-Jewish press is terrible. There isn't one paper, he says, which represents American Jewry. The trouble is, he continues, some brilliant writers stick to Yiddish. The others are interested in nothing Jewish. So our English papers are provincial; or else dominated by one party viewpoint. So, Gabriel Cohen, send that sample copy to 77 Bowery, and Mr. Rivlin, at once!

denoting "a tailor."

Fudym is derived from the German "Faden" and was assumed by tailors to denote their occupation.

In ancient German the word was spelled "Vadem" hence the Jewish "m" at the end.

Dear Mr. Pearlroth:

Please explain how the name Fleisher originated.

Yours sincerely,
JOSEPH FLEISHER

409 E. 173rd St.,
Bronx, N. Y.

Fleischer

This is a German word meaning "butcher" or "meat dealer."

It is an occupational name. The butcher's trade was the earliest of the Jewish trades sanctioned by the authorities in medieval days. Jews could buy only from a Jewish butcher, for religious reasons.

Those who cherish the history of the Jewish past, may save a warm spot in their hearts for the Jewish butcher who plied his trade in the Ghettos of medieval Europe. The butchers were an unofficial Jewish army. Being the

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Rabbi Opher Resigns Synagogue Council Post, Charging Sabotage

Blames National Organization, Own Membership

Special NEW YORK—Blaming the national Jewish organization for the inability of the Synagogue Council of America to "effectuate a strong and united religious spokesmanship for American Jewry," Rabbi Ahron Opher, assistant to the President of the Council, resigned at the plenary meeting of the organization here. Rabbi Opher has in effect been the Executive Director of the Council for the past three years.

Mincing no words, Rabbi Opher charged the national organiza-



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tions with arrogating to themselves work that obviously is of a religious character. "The secular organizations have even encroached upon the areas directly related to the moral and spiritual life of our people," his statement of resignation said.

All Fields Already Taken Over

Elaborating on this point, Rabbi Opher declared:

"We accept tacitly the strange situation of American Jewish life where the JWB controls the religious life of our men in the armed services, the ADL is undertaking a program for the enhancement of the religious and moral life of American Jews, the American Jewish Committee is presenting Jewish holy day programs on the radio and the American Jewish Congress is handling religious instruction in the public schools of the country. However effective some of these programs may have been under secular leadership, they have certainly been without the influence of the religious bodies and have become the 'vested interest' of agencies outside of the sphere of the synagogue. This has given American Jewry a strictly secular complexion and has contributed to the concept of the Jews as an irreligious group."

Rabbi Opher also attacked the religious denominations within the Council blaming the "competition" among them for the fact that "the religious institutions of American Jewry have wielded a very insignificant influence . . ."

The statement read in part: "The internal difficulties lie in the competition between the religious groups themselves, each of whom is reluctant to yield to the over-all body some activities which are of a general religious nature, but which each, for historical reasons, regards as its exclusive domain. . . . Every field that is captured by one of the groups is maintained jealousy by 'right of conquest.'" Thus a host of activities of a general religious nature "are within the exclusive jurisdiction of one or another of our constituencies who refuse to surrender any of their 'state rights' to the 'federal body'."

Rabbi Opher said that he had

Statement of Resignation By Rabbi Ahron Opher

April 10, 1946

To the Delegates of the Synagogue Council of America:

At the last meeting of the Synagogue Council, in submitting my resignation as Assistant to the President, I stated that I had deemed it a signal honor to share in the administration of this body and to work toward the establishment of an effective and dignified united religious spokesmanship for American Jewry. I believe in the validity of the idea of the Synagogue Council. I feel, as all of us do, the need for an organization in Jewish life which will speak the united voice of the synagogue, give a primary religious character to the American Jewish community, enhance its spiritual and moral life, work with the other religious communions in programs of common moral concern, safeguard Jewish beliefs and practices from abuse and defamation, aid in the religious rehabilitation of our brethren abroad and, in general, represent American Jewry as a religious communion in the eyes of the people and the government of the United States.

I feel, however, that there are insurmountable difficulties in effectuating this idea. We are faced with resistance from without and from within in our efforts to build a Synagogue Council that would be as meaningful and as effective in the Jewish community as the Federal Council of Churches is in the Protestant community.

The external hindrances lie in the established structure of the American Jewish community. Historically the leadership of American Jewry came into the hands of secular organizations and individuals who are not of the synagogue. These bodies and individuals have organized a network of institutions and agencies which have for a long time conducted all Jewish philanthropic, communal, political and defense programs and activities which, in the Catholic and Protestant communities, are conducted under the aegis of the church. The voice of the synagogue has been so weak and its leadership so docile that the religious institutions of American Jewry have wielded a very insignificant influence in these areas of Jewish communal life. Because of the ineffectiveness and the fragmentation of Jewish religious life in this country, the secular organizations have even encroached upon the areas directly related to the moral and spiritual life of our people.

Interfaith activities, which should presuppose the representation of the faith of Israel alongside the Protestant and Catholic faiths, are actually carried on by the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Congress, and a variety of other organizations and individuals who appear as spokesmen for Jewish religion.

Religious instruction, both within the Jewish community and in the public educational institutions, is controlled and directed by organizations and people who are not of the synagogue. That is true also of youth work and adult Jewish educational programs, under the direction of the Center movement, the Hillel Foundation, the AZA and similar agencies, which are without the influence of the official religious leadership of the community.

When the government invited religious consultants to the American delegation at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, the Protestants were represented by the Federal Council of Churches and the Catholics by the National Catholic Welfare, both of which are the religious spokesmen of those communities—but the Jews were represented by the American Jewish Conference and the American Jewish Committee, which resented the Synagogue Council's presence even in a liaison capacity and demanded its withdrawal from the scene. And nobody, except the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, uttered a word in protest against the public rebuke suffered by the Synagogue Council at the hands of the secular leadership in San Francisco.

The religious rehabilitation of European Jewry is in the hands of the JDC and its work is executed by individuals who are not synagogue Jews and have little concern for the survival of the religion of Israel. This is in sharp contrast to similar programs of relief and rehabilitation of European Christians which the churches of America are conducting and directing.

We accept tacitly the strange situation of American Jewish life where the JWB controls the religious life of our men in the armed services, the ADL is undertaking a program for the enhancement of the religious and moral life of American Jews, the American Jewish Committee is presenting Jewish day programs on the radio and the American Jewish Congress is handling religious instruction in the public schools of the country. However effective some of these programs may have been under secular leadership, they have certainly been without the influence of the religious bodies and have become the "vested interest" of agencies outside of the sphere of the synagogue. This has given American Jewry a strictly secular complexion and has contributed to the concept of the Jews as an irreligious group.

The second great difficulty we are facing in making the Synagogue Council an effective and significant body in Jewish life is the competition between the religious groups themselves, each of whom is reluctant to yield to the over-all body some activities which are a general religious nature, but which each, for historical reasons, regards as its exclusive domain. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the oldest religious body of American Jewry, has been the sole agency in many areas which should normally be regarded as the purview of

resigned at a previous plenary report "on ways and means to session, but had yielded to the establish the Council on a firm unanimous request to withhold foundation." Rabbi Opher's resignation until the Committee was turned down again, tee on Scope would bring in a but he refused to reconsider.

PALESTINE FLOWERS SENT TO CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE AS GOOD WILL GESTURE

Special

JERUSALEM—Flowers were sent from Palestine this week to a leading New York synagogue and church as a gesture of friendship and greeting for the Passover and Easter holidays. Three hundred fifty stalks of gladioli grown at the Jewish village of Mishmar Hasharon were flown from Lydda to Cairo and then to New York. The shipment was arranged by the Palestine economic bureau of the Zionist Organization of America.

the Synagogue Council, and therefore the Union finds itself at odds with the Council whenever the latter seeks to exercise its influence in those areas. This is also true of the younger religious bodies. Every field that is captured by one of the groups is maintained jealously by "right of conquest." Thus religious broadcasts, interdenominational institutes, synagogue centers and a variety of other activities are within the exclusive jurisdiction of one or another of our constituencies who refuse to surrender any of their "state rights" to the "federal body."

It is this competition between the religious groups that of course weakens the position of the synagogue and leaves secular organizations in control.

Nevertheless, despite these difficulties, the Council has carried on a vast and varied program of activities in the last few years and has made a deep impression upon the American Jewish community. There seems to be a genuine desire, both within and without the synagogue, to maintain a Synagogue Council of America. This desire, however, has not been strong enough for the community to respond to the call for support. Thus, all the work that has been done by the Council has been done by two or three individuals who have given a great deal of their time, energy and resources to the organization. Volunteer service is no longer adequate to achieve the purpose for which the Synagogue Council was conceived and enable it to become the powerful religious voice that American Jewry needs.

I personally feel that the efforts of only a few, however well intentioned, cannot possibly encompass the scope of so vital a program. And it was for this reason that I submitted my resignation at the last meeting.

Although I yielded to your request that I withdraw my resignation, I now feel that I must devote my time to my congregation and to other Jewish causes dear to me, which I was compelled to neglect in the last three years, and therefore I earnestly and respectfully beg you to relieve me as of tonight from all the duties of the office to which you elected me.

I am confident that our constituencies and the American Jewish community, in their desire to keep the Synagogue Council alive, will find the means to build this organization on a firm foundation and perpetuate it to the credit of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

RABBI AHRON OPHER.

Your Name

(Continued from Preceding Page) only ones familiar with the handling of knives and axes, the tools of their trade, they would spring into action whenever criminal elements among the anti-Semitic Christian population attempted to invade the Jewish quarter for the purpose of pogroms and plunder. Well armed and well organized they would fight pitched battles for the defense of their brethren. When pogroms threatened in the medieval cities of Germany, Poland and Eastern Europe, the Jewish community could always depend upon their valiant butchers' guild. That is why I consider you name a name of honor.

Superman Air Series Fights Intolerance

Special

NEW YORK—"Superman" has a new enemy.

Turning his attention from the more fantastic foes of the past, the fabulous "man of tomorrow" is pitting his unusual powers against dangers more pertinent and menacing to the daily lives of American boys and girls—racial intolerance, in a new series which began Monday (5:15 to 5:30 p. m., EST) over Mutual.

In following the new tolerance theme, the deeds of Superman will lose none of their daring, and his adventures in combating these new enemies promise to make even more exciting listening for the younger generation. The basic thought, however, behind each thrilling episode will be brotherhood among youngsters, despite racial and religious differences.

The day to day story will deal with a gang of young hoodlums, intent on committing acts of vandalism in the town of Metropolis. As the plot develops, it is learned that the boys are merely tools in the hands of a group of unscrupulous grownups.

NRS Film Shows Story of Oswego

Special

NEW YORK—An exclusive film record of one of the most dramatic events in recent American immigration was released this week in a sound picture, "Over the Rainbow Bridge," produced by the National Refugee Service, constituent agency of the \$100,000,000 United Jewish Appeal for 1946.

"Over the Rainbow Bridge" is a documentary film showing the release of 923 refugees from the Emergency Shelter at Oswego, N. Y., and the work of the National Refugee Service in resettling them throughout the country. Produced by NRS by arrangement with the War Relocation Authority, which operated the Shelter in Fort Ontario, it has a full musical score and a stirring narrative by William S. Gailmor, nationally-known radio and film commentator.

Seven-year-old Georgie Neufeld almost steals the show with his singing of "Gonna Love My Daddy Like He's Never Been Loved Before," his own version of a popular song, improvised when he heard that his father, long believed dead, had been found alive in Europe.

The film points out how contributions to the \$100,000,000 United Jewish Appeal campaign for 1946 enabled NRS to bring the Oswego refugees to freedom and restore them to normal living with the aid of many local communities.

Organizations may obtain "Over the Rainbow Bridge" without charge for campaign meetings on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and for educational purposes, from the National Refugee Service, 105 Nassau Street, New York 7, N. Y. The film will not be released for commercial exhibition.

The Habimah Theatre of Palestine has given its 900th performance of the famous Jewish play, "The Dybbuk," by S. Ansky.

Lewis on Books

By DR. THEODORE N. LEWIS

ONE NATION. Wallace Stegner, and the Editors of "Look", 337 pages.

"ONE NATION" is a nobly motivated and beautifully done volume. The photographs which form the most striking portion of the book, are splendidly executed and carefully designed, unique and remarkable. They form indisputable testimony concerning some exceedingly unwholesome, ugly aspects of American life.

The vivid pictures and textual commentary should open the eyes of intelligent Americans to the grave and often criminal injustices which we knowingly visit upon a large portion of our citizens—the Negroes, the Mexicans, Pacific races, etc. That we hold the unfortunate victims of our cruel folly responsible for the inevitable consequences of the policies we enforce against them is one of the anomalies of our American civilization. The authors have rendered a great service in exposing this undeniable, melancholy truth.

IN ALL CASES of "unaccepted" peoples, it is economic, political and social discrimination which breeds not only poverty and misery, but bitter resentment against society. Often the anger of the outcasts finds release in racial tension and strife, and in individual crime.

Permanent improvement in the lot of our submerged classes requires the raising of economic standards, better educational opportunities, and a more genuine and sincere recognition of the political rights of all American citizens, irrespective of color or race. However, the vested and powerful interests who exploit and rob our "Joads" are hostile to any basic reform in the status quo. And this represents a grim challenge to the conscience of our country at large.

The section "Culture and Creed" is a plea for the understanding and tolerance of the Catholic and the Jew. To put Catholic discrimination and anti-Semitism on the same level, and to argue innocently that Catholics and Jews should be tolerated is to be guilty of extreme superficiality, of naivete. How can anyone ignore the indisputable fact that the Roman Catholic church is one of the most powerful organizations in American life, not only religious, but political, numbering over twenty million souls—whereas the Jews number only at most four and a half million, and lack even a semblance of unity or common leadership—religious, political or otherwise.

IT IS FOOLISH to overlook, as the author does, certain unhappy tendencies in the Catholic Church. The issue is not, as he puts it, "whether the Church has the right to exist in America on an equal basis with other churches." No one denies this. What distresses thinking non-Catholic Americans is the exclusive claims of the Church as the sole depository of all true religion and faith, and the effort to impose on the country at large Catholic patterns and outlook.

As the Jew has no right to require others to observe the Sabbath or Kashruth, so has the Catholic Church no right to seek to impose by law any ban on birth control or to demand privileges for parochial schools, while waging a ceaseless battle against the public school.

To dismiss Father Coughlin with the assurances that "for every Father Coughlin there are

dozens of priests whose concern is with the souls of their parishioners" is ludicrous. All of the priests did not have one percent of the influence Coughlin did, and the latter's was unspeakably Fascist, evil and anti-Semitic.

WHILE exceedingly well intentioned in the treatment of the Jew, the author commits the grave error of reprinting some of the most violently anti-Semitic propaganda—for purposes of illustration, of course—which have appeared here or abroad. Such choice publicity for anti-Semitism is ill advised, and most unfortunate. Many who never saw or heard of some of these popular anti-Jewish slogans will now meet them for the first time, and find them permanently incorporated, for future reference.

Since Jews are exceedingly anxious to suppress this literature, to obliterate it in the most literal sense of the word, the printing of these ancient falsehoods can serve no good purpose. Page 318, containing a variety of anti-Semitic posters and announcements is especially revolting, and should not have been included. It is most definitely not good "public relations." It is a pity that one of our many duplicating Jewish defense bodies was not vigilant in the matter.

Famous Yiddish Words

The "Little Gem Pocket Glossary, Yiddish-American," is the work of two Jewish sailors who are currently sweating out their service on the remote island of Samar, near Leyte.

S. I. c. Dick Samuels is a full-time instructor at the school. At the request of a non-Jewish colleague, who began to ask Samuels the meaning of several Yiddish phrases he had learned here and there, Samuels and Joe Ginsberg, a native of Breslau and a CCNY graduate, drew up the glossary. Ginsberg supplied the Yiddishisms and their meanings and Samuels wrote the definitions in navalese.

The definitions will be printed a few each week.

B. K. (Ba kakked)—Fouled up, tarfued

BALLEGORE—(Hebrew: master of the carriage)
The (usually stupid) horse-and-buggy driver, about whom many jokes are told.

BAYBAK—Big husky fellow

BISSELIE—A little bit

BRIS—Circumcision

A B'ROCH OYF DIR—(literally: A blessing on you)

A curse on you.
Example: Litvak tells a Galitsianer that there are two kinds of Jews, Litvaks and pascudnyaks (q.v.). The Galitsianer retorts with "A B'roch oyf dir."

Additional words will be printed weekly in alphabetical order.

Rabbi Steinberg's Talk To be Dramatized on Air

SPECIAL NEW YORK—"When I Think of Seraye," a radio adaptation by Morton Wishengrad, of an address delivered by Rabbi Milton Steinberg of the Park Avenue Synagogue, before a rally of United Jewish Appeal, will be presented on the Eternal Light program Sunday, over NBC, 11:00 a. m.; WEA, 12:00 Noon, EST. Seraye is a Lithuanian town just east of the old German frontier, most of whose Jewish population was murdered by the Nazis.

WITHOUT A NAME THE COLUMN

Sermon of the Week
Rabbi William G. Braude will preach on "All This and Sabbath Too" at services at Temple Beth El (Providence, R. I.).

I do not know when I have been so drawn to frontier people. I am convinced that here is where the Jews from Europe ought to come. I know from talking to these people that this is where they want to come. I came away feeling more and more impatient with Arabic arguments. Even a naive person can see the Arabs are doing better there than anywhere else in the Middle East. The anti-Jewish boycott is not effective in Palestine. They had founded industries which will keep going. They are doing research which will add a great deal to the future.

He described his visit to some of the industries and the remarkable achievements which had been reached there. "In Haifa I went to the Vulcan Iron Foundry which had been a deserted building for five years before the war began. These people restored it. Had it not been for that iron foundry Great Britain would have had a much harder time and the war might not have been won. The men who were sweeping the floor, doing the semi-skilled jobs and unskilled jobs were all Jews. The glass factory, the ceramics factory, the rubber factory were all the same way. From all over the world skilled technicians and workers have been assembled in Palestine. They have helped to build a fine country, the greatest of the Middle East.—Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution.

HEADLINE OF THE WEEK JEWS IN BERLIN GET BREAD FOR PASSOVER (New York Times)

No sane person wants to treat the defeated Germans in the same bestial manner as they treated a dozen European countries in the course of four or five years. But the Germans who started this war must not forget that hunger is rampant throughout Europe, and their friends must not whine if the Germans are getting daily food rations between 1,000 and 1,300 calories, if, for instance, before the end of the war they permitted the Dutch no more than 400 calories per day. If the Chicago Abendpost dares to complain about "a peace so harsh, so barbarous, so murderous that you can look in vain for something similar in the entire history of the world," adding that this was not a hard peace, but "carefully considered and carefully planned mass murder," the editors of that "American newspaper published in the German language" are advised to peruse the pamphlet, Starvation Over Europe, a documented record published by the Institute of Jewish Affairs in 1943. There they can read about a "carefully considered and carefully planned mass murder"—perpetrated by the Nazis against the defenseless peoples of Europe!—American Jewish Congress.

Anniversary Sermon
Dr. Felix A. Levy will preach on "A Bewildered Rabbi" at services at Emanuel Congregation, Chicago.

The Joint Distribution Committee sent out more than 2,000,000 pounds of Matzohs this year—to five continents. The New York Times published a picture this week of Jews baking matzohs in

I Think as I Please

By CARL ALPERT

On the Desirability of Prejudice

A FEW weeks ago our local community was treated to a symposium on the subject: "How can American Jewry devise an effective program of Jewish education?" The participants included a Reform rabbi and a conservative rabbi. To the audience the difference in approach between the two mentioned appeared to be one of degree or intensity only, and the chairman sought to emphasize this interpretation in order to maintain harmony, and preserve the common ground without which continuance of the symposium would have been impossible.

Yet the thoughtful auditor might have discerned that there was genuine conflict based on difference of philosophy and attitude to Jewish life, and not merely on degree.

One of the first questions that arose, of course, was how to determine what constituted an effective program of Jewish education. What criteria must be accepted in appraising effectiveness? What was the purpose of Jewish education?

These questions may sound elementary, but after agreement that the desideratum was "Jewish survival," a difference of opinion developed on what constituted "survival." Quotations from Webster and from Jewish lore were of no avail in promoting agreement.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL several days after the symposium that I found an aptly worded paragraph which, had it been introduced in the discussion, might have yielded more fruitful results. I was the unhappy moderator that night, and hence my interest in the subject was an immediate one.

In passing, be it noted that not all the words of wisdom are to be found in today's newspapers or the latest magazines. Because periodicals are dated, the public often falls into the mistake of believing that all their contents are likewise obsolete. I have long enjoyed browsing through back copies of magazines, and it was on such an excursion, in the January 25, 1929, issue of the S.A.J. Review that I ran across the paragraph referred to, written by Judith Kaplan, now Mrs. Ira Eisenstein.

"Dr. Benderly, of the Bureau of Jewish Education, New York, has said that 'the aim of elementary Jewish education is to create a prejudice in the child in favor of things Jewish.' If we accept that statement we grant immediately that Jewish education should not concern itself entirely with the intellectual processes of the child. A 'prejudice' in favor of things Jewish is a cultivated taste, a love, for things Jewish. It consists in appreciation of Jewish values, and rich emotional response to them."

IS IT NOT POSSIBLE that this chance paragraph may sum up and explain many of the problems and phenomena of contemporary Jewish education? When we concentrate on teaching our children the facts of Jewish life, cramming dates and history and language down their throats, in an exclusively intellectual process, we are not creating that attitude, that prejudice, about which Dr. Benderly spoke. And when the child reaches the age of discretion, he chooses to discontinue his Jewish learning, for he has never cultivated the taste or the love.

Some surprise has been expressed at the considerable degree of success met with by the Lubavitcher schools. Can the answer be that the appeal is made, via ritual and ceremony, to the emotional side of the child, calling forth what Judith Kaplan in 1929 termed "an aesthetic response?"

Can the remarkable success of the summer camp as an educational medium be explained in the same term?

If children continue to report that they don't like Hebrew School, and attend only because of parental compulsion, the schools are obviously failing in their mission of creating partisans of Judaism. If, on the other hand, they were to concentrate more on winning the love and respect of the children for Jewish life and values, it would follow inevitably that a desire to know about Jewish life would ensue. We seem to reverse the process. The early and formative years of a child's Jewish education are now devoted to mastery of the Hebrew language and Jewish history—language and history, both "intellectual" subjects. Then, when the child grows into an adolescent we are confronted with the problem of winning his sympathy and support for things Jewish. By that time, however, prejudices and habits of thinking have already been formed.

WHAT WOULD BE the result if, until the age of ten or twelve, let us say, the Jewish school were to devote its efforts to winning the child himself—through song and dance, through the drama of ritual and ceremony, through play experiences, so that Judaism and Jewish life would forevermore be associated in the mind of the child and the man with the positive, the pleasant, the desirable, the personal? Would it not follow that with the prejudice or mental set thus fixed, the adolescent and the adult would be prepared to study and apply himself to Jewish life and learning, not as an unpleasant duty, but as a necessary and natural result of his Jewishness?

I may over-simplify the difficulties, and exaggerate the end results, but the general direction which Jewish education should take seems clear enough.

Germany. Tender fragile matzohs—they do get around and seem to be stronger than all the German might.

The Germans do not understand the strength of tender things. That has been their great trouble. They measure everything as you would measure iron. They do not know that the most powerful of all things, the most enduring, are often those things which seem most frail. Hitler could not understand that. That is why matzohs outlived him.

We eat Matzohs because our ancestors were in a hurry to get out of Egypt and could not wait for the bread to ferment. The rabbis say half whimsically, that at a meal one should always eat the soup first. It's generally done anyway, but not for the reason the rabbis gave. Their reason was that if the Messiah suddenly came, you could take the meat along with you in your pocket, but not your soup. We are a people who have always had to

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Strictly Confidential

By PHINEAS J. BIRON

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We have the text of a pronouncement by the Spanish government in Exile. . . . It has not been published anywhere as yet. . . . It reads in part: "The Jewish people, persecuted atrociously by certain totalitarian nations, in insuperable measure and with a hatred and rage which history never knew, aspires legitimately to have a fatherland specifically its own. . . . They desire that this be Palestine and we consider their desire highly just. . . . We add ourselves, therefore, to the current along which at present, move all the world democracies in favor of these longings. . . . When the Republic is restored in Spain this will be a problem which we shall have to solve, fulfilling the imperative command of our duty; to do justice to the Jewish people and to draw even tighter the bonds of friendship that unite us with the Separditas. . . . The government over which I have the honor of presiding so does promise and so shall fulfill." . . . The statement is signed by Dr. Jose Giral, Prime Minister of the Spanish Republic (in exile). . . . Dr. Giral in the same statement stresses the fundamental kinship between the Jewish people and Spanish people. . . . He made this pronouncement after reading Mr. Abraham Friedman's book "Towards a rapprochement Between the Hebraic and Hispanic Worlds." . . .

Personalities

Congratulations to Dr. I. M. Rabinowitch, associate professor of medicine at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. . . . His research work of 15 years on the use of a special diet for diabetics is being hailed by the medical profession. . . . Dr. Rabinowitch treated 5,000 persons in the course of his research. . . . Dr. Adolph M. Koch, founder and president of the Essex College of Medicine and Surgery, is under heavy attack by a group who would like to upset the college's policy of "no quota and no discrimination." Max Band's famous painting, "The Last Defender of the Warsaw Ghetto," was purchased by Mrs. Rosenwald-Levy, daughter of Julius Rosenwald. . . . This week Band's exhibition opens at the Maxwell Galleries in San Francisco. . . . Deborah Pessin wrote the best story book for Jewish children. . . . It is called *Aleph Bet Story Book* and is beautifully illustrated by Howard Simon. . . . The Jewish Publication Society of America is the publisher. . . . Alfred Fleishman may be a candidate for the national command job of the Jewish War Veterans next February. . . . The rank and file blame National Commander Maxwell Cohen for Fleishman's quitting the J. W. V. . . . B the time you read this Ilya Ehrenbourg, famous Russian-Jewish journalist, will be a visitor in our country. . . . He is flying directly from Moscow to Washington. . . .

Who Is Springer?

The Anti-Defamation League has the goods on Rep. Springer. . . . Here is the report of the A. D. L. on the man who looms as the Protestant Father Coughlin: "The Rev. Harvey W. (Cowboy) Springer of Englewood, Colo., has found that pays off. This is evident in Springer's announcement that he has obtained a building permit for the erection of a \$28,000 printing plant for the publishing of the evangelist's inflammatory magazine, "Western Voice." Springer, long a thorn in the side of progressive civic and religious leaders of Denver, features articles by Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald Winrod, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling and other admirers of Hitler's racial program. Typical of the sensationalism purveyed by Springer are two of his latest front page stories—"Hollywood's Rape of America" and "The Most Terrible War Ahead." Springer himself is a vitriolic writer who contributes regularly to Winrod's "Defender Magazine." The cowboy evangelist has written numerous pamphlets attacking various groups, including the Federal Council of Churches—the latter piece winning praise from Chicago's Liz Dilling as a work done "with a pen dipped in blood." The Denver hatemonger is not recognized by other Baptist churches of his area, yet his tabernacle is always filled and his collection plates are seldom empty. Recently Springer journeyed to Puerto Rico with Winrod to establish a Spanish speaking seminary which will purvey their own brand of religious hatred to Puerto Ricans.

A. J. Congress Invades Domain of A. D. L.

Special

CHICAGO—Heretofore the exclusive domain of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Chicago area was invaded by a competing agency for the first time when a midwest office of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress was opened at 123 West Madison St. The office will be under the direction of Gilbert Gordon, formerly Hearing Officer and Technical Adviser to the Illinois Department of Labor.

The office will use the full power of legislation, public policy and social pressure to end the social injustices that grow out of prejudice and to secure freedom and equality for all groups, the announcement said.

Abraham Herman has been elected to his twenty-first term as president of the HIAS.

Anderson, Anti-Semite, Shoots Boy Prankster

World Wide News Service

CHICAGO—Charles Anderson, Jr., notorious anti-Semite and Negro-hater was held here on \$5,000 bail on a charge of shooting a fifteen-year-old boy whom he caught tying together two bumpers of a car with a rope as a prank.

The shooting occurred several hours after the opening of the polls in the 6th Illinois District, where Anderson was defeated in his quest for Republican Congressional nomination. Anderson gained notoriety last summer when cards, bearing his name, were found distributed in the mail boxes in the Negro residential area warning Negroes that "Jews want more Negroes for the Jewish Army to conquer the white gentiles."

In February of last year, Anderson wrote a letter to several Congressmen demanding that they "draft the Jews and win the war" and declaring that "by this time we will appreciate the bargain Rudolph Hess was offering."

AL SEGAL Speaks on JESUS AND JEWS

IN OUR TOWN (the matter was widely noticed around the country) the Very Rev. Msgr. Carl J. Ryan took an opinion among pupils of the parochial schools of which he is superintendent:

"Should the Jews today be blamed for what the Jews in Christ's day did to him?"

This question was asked of 877 pupils and Msgr. Ryan was pleased to discover that only one in 20 of the children answered Yes, the Jews today should be blamed for the crucifixion of Jesus. This is to say some 833 replied "No."

It is most gratifying to know this and most creditable to Msgr. Ryan that he is deeply concerned lest the Jews today be blamed for what the Gospel says some Jews did in Jesus' time.

Yet it should be pointed out that a textbook in use in parochial schools holds the Jews responsible even to this day. Seemingly these 833 children repudiate this teaching.

Even before Msgr. Ryan had made public the gratifying figures indicating broadminded children, the venerable Alfred M. Cohen, former president of the National B'nai B'rith, had been distressed on account of this text book entitled "Bible History" by the Right Reverend Richard Gilmour, D.D., "for the use of the Catholic schools in the United States."

His Holiness, the late Pope Leo XIII had given it his blessing on the fly-leaf: "We give our Apostolic Benediction to them (the publishers) and to their labors that these may always tend to the good of religion."

Its first copyright was given in 1881 and, most recently, in 1936. It is still in use in the parochial schools as the well-used dog-eared copy in Mr. Cohen's hands indicated. It is on sale in the stores of the publishers, Benziger Bros. of New York, Boston, Cincinnati, Chicago, San Francisco.

MR. COHEN isn't one to quarrel with the New Testament report of the crucifixion as repeated in this textbook. Of course, he resents the weakling Roman procurator, Pontius Pilate, putting his own responsibility on the Jews but the New Testament story is deep in Christian tradition and there's practically nothing to do about that. What hurt Mr. Cohen was the textbook's comment on the trial and condemnation of Jesus: It says:

"For 1800 years has the blood of Christ been upon the Jews. Driven from Judea—without country, without home—strangers amongst strangers—hated, yet feared—have they wandered from nation to nation, bearing with them the visible signs of God's curse. Like Cain, marked with a mysterious sign, they shall continue to wander to the end of the world."

Yes, it's all to the credit of the 833 enlightened children that they refused to believe that all the Jews today bear the curse of Cain because of an act reported to have been committed

by some Jews nearly 2000 years ago. Their textbook told them to believe it but they said No. Indeed, throughout the book they are haunted by accusations of the universal guilt of the Jews.

In the story of Cain and Abel: "The murdered Abel is a figure of Jesus Christ while Cain is a figure of the traitor Judas and the Jewish people who put our Saviour to death."

In the story of the 40 years' wandering in the desert: "As punishment for their sin in having rejected Him (Jesus), they are today wanderers on the earth and will be to the end of time."

In the story of Saul the King: "Saul was a figure of the Jewish church. Saul persecuted David; so did the Jews persecute Jesus Christ."

In the story of Stephen the Deacon, first of the martyrs: "The Jews have a dreadful account to give to God."

In a chapter entitled "The Persecutions of the Church—the Jews": "As the Jews had persecuted Christ, so they also persecuted His Apostles. . . . For a time God permitted these persecutions but in time their punishment came, first on the Jews, then upon the Romans. . . . Famine, then pestilence set in. . . . Within one year, more than one million Jews died from pestilence or were killed by the Romans. The city (Jerusalem) was taken, the temple burned, the people sold into slavery, and thus dispersed over the world as we now find them, without country or king. Truly the blood of Christ is upon them."

IT IS AMAZING, indeed that of 877 children exposed to this teaching every day in school, in page after page, only about 44 were anti-Semitic infected. Yet it should trouble men of good will like Msgr. Ryan that the teaching goes on day after day.

Msgr. Ryan doesn't want the Jews today blamed for the crucifixion but since 1881 even to now this school book has told the children that the Jews will be blamed "to the end of time."

Sixty-five years have passed since the book went into circulation in the schools and if in all that time only one in 20 children has believed what it taught them about the Jews there must be by now a tremendous number of people who believe it.

Mr. Cohen could feel hopeful, though. Msgr. Ryan had suggested to his teachers that they do all they can to disabuse children's minds of a blame that embraces all the Jews in common guilt. Msgr. Ryan was leading to a new approach.

Enlightened Jews themselves hold no ill will against Jesus, despite all that Jews have been made to suffer in His name. They honor His teaching as a good way of life and hope for the time when all who call themselves Christians will go that way.

The suffering of the Jews is only part of the suffering of the Christian world, as it is called, has inflicted upon itself by keeping Jesus nailed to the cross and refusing to let Him come down to walk among men with light-giving.

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THE COLUMN WITHOUT A NAME

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make the most of time. Sometimes it has proven to be much later than we thought, but most of the time the Jews seem to have a better perception of what time the world is in than other people. It was quite logical that a Jew, Einstein, should have been the one to show that time is a dimension, something very material—as real as thickness or length.—Milton Brown.

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THE JUNIOR POST

JUNIOR POST LEAGUE • OUR ADOPTED FAMILY
PEN PALS • CONTESTS

Dear Boys and Girls:

A GREAT Russian story-teller, named Tolstoy, wrote this story.

There was once a King who said to himself, "There are three things I wish to know. If I can learn the answers to these questions, I shall be able to rule wisely. First, 'When is the most important time for action?' Second, 'Who is the most important person to deal with?' Third, 'What is the most important action?'"

The King issued a proclamation offering a rich reward to any of his subjects who could answer these three questions.

From all parts of the Kingdom, people flocked to the Palace to give their opinion and earn the reward. The King listened eagerly to each answer. One said one thing and the next another. One said the best time for action could only be decided by making out lists of things to do each day. Another disagreed and said it was better to wait and see what each new day brought.

Who were the most important persons? One chose the ministers who ruled the country. One believed the soldiers who guarded their safety were the most important. And still another felt the clergymen who watched over the souls of the people were first. The longer the King listened, the more confused he became, and at last, he sent all of his subjects to their homes without having come to any decision.

IN A NEARBY FOREST, there lived an old hermit who was famed for his wisdom. The King determined to lay his problem before the hermit in the hope that the wise man could find an answer. Leaving his soldiers at a distance, he approached the hermit's cottage alone. He found the old man digging in his garden. The King explained the reason for his visit, and asked the hermit if he could tell the best time, the best person, and the best deed in every situation, so that a man need never do wrong. The hermit nodded without

answering, and went on with his digging. He looked frail and weary, and the King, feeling sorry for the poor old man, took the spade from his hand and finished spading up the garden.

Suddenly there was a great commotion, and a man ran out of the forest and fell to the ground unconscious at their feet. They saw he had a deep wound in his side. The King and the hermit wasted no time with questions, but washed and dressed the man's wound, and put him on a couch to rest. By this time, the King was exhausted with his day's work and lay down near the wounded man and fell asleep.

IN THE MORNING the wounded stranger awoke and catching sight of the King he fell down on his knees and cried in great fear, "Forgive me, O King!"

The King was astonished. "Why should I forgive you? You have done nothing to me. I do not even know you."

The man cried out. "My King, I heard that you were coming here without soldiers to guard you and I plotted to kill you. But you took so much time helping the hermit that I grew impatient. I left my hiding place to come here and take your life. Your soldiers caught sight of me and wounded me. But now you have saved my life and if you will forgive me, I shall serve you faithfully."

The King looked into the wounded man's eyes and saw that he was speaking the truth. He forgave him freely.

THEN turning to the hermit, the King asked, "Now will you not give me the answers to my three questions?"

"You have your answers," the hermit replied.

"I have? How can that be?" "You came here and saw me working. When you pitied my old age and took the spade from my hand, that was the most important time. For if you had not helped me then, the man in the forest would have taken your

By RUTH PALLER

WELCOME to new members: Judith Cooper, 5572 W. Gladys Ave., Chicago; Levi Gordis, 133 Beach Street, Belle Harbor, Long Island; Harry Danziger, 917 1/2 13th St., Huntington, W. Va.; Gerald Robert Rosenfeld, 65 Chester Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rochell Silverman, 752 Gerard Ave., Bronx, N. Y.; Debra Silverman, 1300 E. 21st St., Brooklyn; Monroe Silverman, 1300 E. 21st St., Brooklyn; Elaine L. Lippman, 2533 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla.; Geraldine Brodsky, 5937 S. Sangamon St., Chicago; Arnold Rosenthal, 3118 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago; Barbara Sloan, 1000 N. Kenilworth, Oak Park, Ill.; Marlene Kaplan, Home Club, 6617 S. Racine Ave., Chicago.

You will receive your membership certificates in a few weeks. In the meantime, send us your contest entry and take part in all the Junior Post League projects. We would like to hear what Pen Pals you make through the column, and we invite you to contribute some of your spending money to our adopted family in Europe.

Letter Box

Enclosed you will find my application for membership in the

life, when you were alone. I was the important person, and the kindness you did me was the most important action.

Then when the wounded man fell at our feet, the right time was the time you cared for his wound so he would not die. He was the right man, and binding up his wound, the right deed.

Remember this. The most important time is always NOW. The most important person is the one you are dealing with at any particular time. And the most important action is the good you can do that man.

The King pondered the hermit's words and he saw that they were true. He returned to his castle and for the rest of his life, he remembered the lesson the old hermit had taught him.

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Indianapolis, Ind.

Junior Post League and my list of words for the contest (Passover Haggadah). I am 12 years old and I am in the 8A in the Yeshivah of Flatbush. I am interested in all things Jewish and my hobbies are Chess and Art (drawing, etc.). In school I have from 8:00 A. M. to 12 Noon Hebrew, and from 12:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M. English. I study Prayers, Talmud, Prophets, Laws and Customs, Torah with the explanation of Rashi, grammar, literature, composition, etc., in Hebrew.

I would like to correspond with some other child.

Sincerely,

LEVI GORDIS.

153 Beach 133 St.,
Belle Barbor, Long Island.

We are glad to know you, Levi. Your famous father has been a friend of the Post for a long time.

Debra Silverman, 1300 E. 21st St., Brooklyn, writes that she is 13 years old, and her brother, Monroe, is 15. Debra wishes to correspond with a Pen Pal. She plays the piano very well, and helps many charities. She bought the most war stamps and bonds of any child in her school. Debra goes to Hebrew School and enjoys studying Jewish history. Good for you, Debra.

Judith Cooper, 5572 W. Gladys Ave., Chicago, Ill., age 10, wants a Pen Pal too. She writes that she goes to public school and the Austin Jewish Community Center Hebrew School. She enjoys going to school and listening to radio programs. I had a little

brother too, Judith, and I know what you mean.

Rochell Silverman, 572 Gerard Ave., Bronx, N. Y., age 12, is a lover of books and a great lover of piano. Thanks for your eagerness to help. Your contribution for our adopted family will be gladly accepted.

Our Adopted Family

A number celebrities have "adopted" children in Europe to support, we note. Bob Hope has "adopted" a ten-year-old Dutch girl, Pineke Zijda, and Beatrice Blackmar Gould has kept several babies alive in Europe by sending money each month; first she took care of a Spanish baby marooned in France, then a French child in England, and now she is helping an English child in England.

We are anxiously waiting to hear about the child or whole family the Federation will find for us to help, and we know you will do your best to see that there is a good amount to send each month.

Contest entries have been received from Levi Gordis, Judith Cooper, Harry Danziger, and Lydia Sokolovsky. They are all good.

Passover Contest

The Passover Contest closes April 22. Be sure to mail your entry before that date. Lydia Sokolovsky, New York, has sent in the longest list of words so far in the Junior Contest.

SENIORS: To boys and girls 13 years or older, the Junior Post League will award prizes for (Continued on next page)

Picture Stories from the Bible

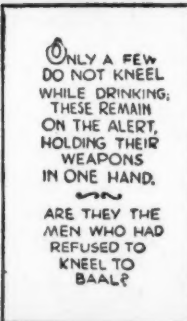
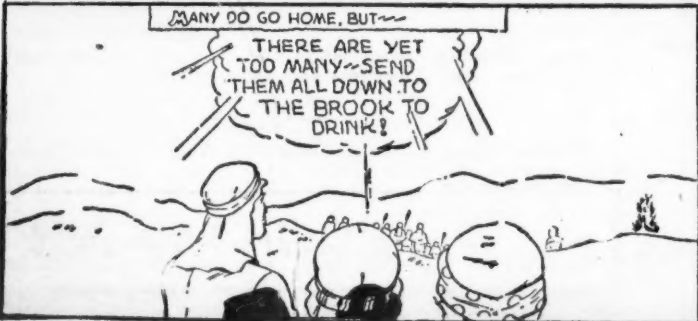
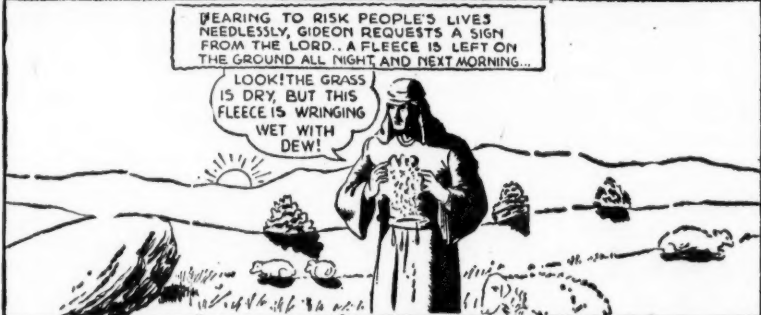
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YET REFUSED TO BECOME HER KING

(FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES,
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DOUAY AND JPSA. VERSIONS)

* SPELLED GIDEON IN THE DOUAY VERSION *



ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL TO BE MARRIED IN TEMPLE WHERE GOD IS LISTENING

By RUTH PALLER

JUDY and Joan had never seen a wedding ceremony. Judy is seven and Joan, three and a half. For the past several weeks, they have been intensely interested in marriage, asking questions and having play weddings. When I discovered that Joan thought the word was "Wetting" instead of "Wedding" and that part of the ceremony consisted of a "Shower" during which the parties were thoroughly drenched, I decided the time had come to let them attend a real marriage ceremony.

It took place in our temple on a Sunday afternoon. The girls' eyes were big with excitement as they noticed the flowers and lighted candles and the white carpet spread down the aisle where the bride would walk.

THE CANOPY adorned with flowers reminded Joan of a Succah and she wanted to know "Why doesn't that Succah have bananas and corn-on-the-cob hanging from the ceiling?" Judy hushed her with a superior air. "Honey," she said, "That's a Huppah, not a Succah." "Oh!" Joan replied blankly, but before I could explain the difference, the first notes of the organ were heard and the wedding procession started down the aisle.

THE BRIDE came in. Judy gazed for a long moment at the beauty of the picture she made in her shimmering satin gown and veil.

Then she turned dazzled eyes to me and said, "Never mind about Aunt Adele. How many years do I have to wait before I can be a bride and look like that?"

The ceremony began. As it proceeded, the Rabbi explained the meaning of the canopy, the drinking of the wine, the ring, and the breaking of the glass. He told the bride and groom of the beauty and joy that a true marriage in the Hebrew tradition had to offer them, and I was to absorb in his words to notice the reaction of my young companions. The bride and groom kissed one another and started down the aisle together. Joan slipped down from her seat and stretched. "Well," she said, "Now they are married. Let's go downstairs and eat."

I turned to Judy to share the laugh, but she wasn't laughing. Her face was dreamy. "Isn't it beautiful to be married in Temple, where God is listening," she said.

They admired the bridesmaids in their softly colored long dresses. Then the two small flower girls came down the aisle, and they were all excited, and wanted to know how they could become flower-girls. When they learned that they would have to wait until a close relative was married, they began to count the years until their one young aunt could reasonably be expected to marry and bring about that happy day.

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the best letters on the subject: "WHAT SEDER MEANS TO ME." Your letters will be judged for their ideas so everyone has a chance to be the winner.

JUNIORS: To boys and girls under 13 years of age, prizes will be given for the longest list of words made from the words PASSOVER HAGGADAH. See how many words you can fashion out of the letters in these two words. You can see at a glance GAS, SEA, and VASE. Now how many more can you find? Send us your list and maybe you'll be the lucky one who wins a prize. The prizes are worth trying for.

Rules

1. All entrants must be members of the League, so send in your application at once.
2. Every entry must be headed with the name, address, and age of the contestant.
3. All entries must be received on or before April 22.

And so, welcome to you all. Join the League and take part in all the activities. There is room for everyone.

To Join the League

Fill in the membership application form and mail it to Ruth Paller, 5610 Carrollton Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. When we receive your application, we will send you a handsome certificate enrolling you into the League. But don't wait for your certificate before entering the contests. As soon as you have mailed your application, you are entitled to take part in all League activities.



At 81, She Sews For "SOS"

Mrs. Bertha Stern, 81-year-old member of the Sewing Group of the Sisterhood of Rodeph Sholom Synagogue, New York City, specializes in making infants' and children's wear for the Nationwide S.O.S. (Supplies for Overseas Survivors) Collection.

Women Honor Librarian

PHILADELPHIA—In recognition of the work of Miss Helen Morrow, librarian, to promote unity and understanding among all people in the Oak Lane community, the B'nai B'rith Women of Oak Lane will stage public meeting in her honor next Wednesday. Dr. Mortimer J. Cohen, Rabbi of Beth Sholom Congregation, will make the presentation of a gift of books in Miss Morrow's honor for the Fellowship Library of the Philadelphia

Library of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission.

Gen. Stylianos Gopatas, who, as Governor-General of Macedonia in 1922, was charged with responsibility for the only anti-Semitic outbreak in modern Greek history, has been appointed Minister of Communications in the new royalist government formed this week by Judge Panayotis Poultis.

661 Jewish Children Sing and Dance in Frankfurt As Stony-Faced Germans Watch Their Departure for Palestine

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

FRANKFURT—Singing Palestinian songs and waving blue and white flags, 661 Jewish children from various camps in the American, British and French zones left here for France this week on the first leg of their journey to Palestine.

As the children lineup in military formation in Frankfurt's main station, shouting and singing, they were watched by passing Germans who maintained a cold silence and impassive countenances. The youngsters performed folk dances in the street outside the JWB building and when a group of correspondents arrived they were pulled into the circles of dancers. The children greeted with shouts of joy, bags containing candy and soap which were donated

by American newspapermen here at the behest of the JTA correspondent. The children from the British camps sang: "It's a Long Way to Palestine," parodying the famous British soldier song of World War I.

Among the young refugees from the British zone was three-year-old Judith Hirschfeld from Bergen-Belsen, who was the youngest making the trip, and red-haired 13-year-old Inga Leonhardt, who was taking care of her two brothers and two sisters ranging in age from five to 12. She has been caring for them for five years, since her parents were murdered at Belsen.

The oldest person in the group is Stanislaw Tottenberg, 65, from Warsaw, one of the few adults in the transport. He is going to join his children in Haifa.

What Foods These Morsels Be

LEAH W. LEONARD

YOU know it just isn't Passover unless you serve CHEMEZLACH at least once. So, I am giving you a couple of recipes for the kind you'll like to make.

Fruit Filled Chremzlach

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| 6 tablespoons cold water | Filling: |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | Blend together |
| 1 lemon, juice and grated rind | 1 cup preserves of any kind |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger | 1 tablespoon Matzo cake flour |
| 3 tablespoons chicken or goose schmaltz | 1/4 cup finely chopped almonds |
| 2 cups Matzo meal | |
| 4 eggs | |
| 2 tablespoons sugar | |
| Honey and chopped nuts | |

Bring the water to a boil and add lemon juice, grated lemon rind, salt and ginger. Stir well and remove from heat. Stir in the Matzo meal and schmaltz until the batter is smooth. Let cool in a bowl. Beat egg yolks with sugar until creamy and stir into the cold batter. Fold in stiffly beaten eggwhites. More lemon juice may be added if the dough is too stiff. Likewise if the dough is not stiff enough to mold in the palm of your hand, stir in a little more Matzo cake flour. Grease the palm of the left hand and mold the mixture into inch-thick flat cakes the size of cupped palm. Make a slight depression in the center of each cake and place a heaping spoonful of the prepared filling. Bring the edges together and pat flat into a filled round or oval cake. When all the cakes are filled and formed, arrange them in a well greased baking pan and bake at 425° F until nicely browned, about 25 minutes. Serve hot with a spoonful of honey poured over the top and sprinkle with nuts if desired. Or, serve plain with a dusting of sugar.

Variation: Fry the Chremzlach in deep fat until browned on both sides. Drain well after frying. Arrange in layers in a deep casserole and cover with honey, allowing a teaspoonful per cake. Heat in the oven before serving.

Passover Egg Noodles

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| 4 eggs | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 4 tablespoons cold water | 1 tablespoon Matzo cake flour |
- Beat eggs slightly, adding water, salt and meal to make a thin batter. Beat well until smooth. Pour on a heated, greased frying pan, starting at the center in a thin stream and tilting the pan until the whole bottom is covered with a thin layer. Cook over moderate heat until lightly browned on under side. Watch carefully to prevent scorching. Turn out, bottomside up, on a tea towel and let cool while frying the next one. Roll up and cut with a sharp knife into very thin noodles. Drop into boiling hot clear soup just before serving. Sufficient for 6 to 8 servings.

Baked Matzo Sandwiches

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| 1 whole Matzo for each sandwich | A dash of salt |
| 1 egg | Filling as given below |
- Rake Matzo into halves or quarters. Cover with cold water and let stand 5 to 6 minutes. Drain well then press out as much water as possible. Beat egg and add salt. Dip each section of soaked Matzo lightly in the beaten egg as needed. Place one piece on a well greased baking pan or cookie sheet, cover with filling and top with the other dipped Matzo section. Dot each sandwich with a little schmaltz, or butter for cheese sandwiches, and bake 25 to 30 minutes at 350° F or until nicely browned on top.

Fillings: Sweet Sandwiches

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| 1 large apple, shredded | Chopped almonds, walnuts or raisins or a mixture of all three |
| 1 tablespoon sugar or 1 teaspoon honey | |
- Mix nuts with honey and spread over lower section of sandwich. Arrange shredded apple over that and top with the other section of sandwich. Press together lightly before baking.

Cheese Sandwiches

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| 1 scant cup pot cheese | A dash of cinnamon |
| A dash of salt | 1 tablespoon finely chopped nuts |
| 1 tablespoon sugar | 1 egg yolk |
- Blend all ingredients together with a fork or spoon and spread evenly between two Matzo sections. Press together lightly and bake until nicely browned on top.

Chopped Chicken Breast, Chopped Meat or Chopped Liver

May be used as fillings by combining with beaten egg, chopped Goose Grieben, a dash of salt and pepper and a little grated onion. 1 cupful of chopped filling will be needed per Matzo. Bake until nicely browned and serve hot or cold.

Banana Pudding

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| 2 apples | 3 eggs |
| 2 bananas | 1/2 cup Matzo meal |
| 2 tablespoons lemon juice | Dash of salt |
| 1/2 cup sugar | Cinnamon or nutmeg to taste |
- Shred unpeeled apples and combine with lemon juice, sugar, salt and Matzo meal. Beat egg yolks light and creamy and fold in. Turn into a well greased casserole or pudding dish. Arrange sliced bananas to cover the top evenly and sprinkle with a little lemon juice. Bake at 325° F till set. Top with stiffly beaten egg whites to which a little sugar has been added and return to oven. Turn up the heat for 5 minutes or until the meringue is lightly browned. Serve hot with lemon sauce or plain.

Lemon Sauce

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| Juice of 2 lemons, grated | 1 cup water |
| rind of half a lemon | 2 eggs, beaten separately |
| 1/2 cup sugar | |
- Cook together in top of a double boiler beaten egg yolks, sugar and lemon juice until thick. Stir in boiling water and cook until clear. When cold, fold in stiffly beaten egg whites and grated rind.

In 1945-46, the number of students enrolled in the Hebrew University's first from Latin America, recently arrived from 134 over the previous year. Four new students, the Argentine.

Our Film Folks of HOLLYWOOD

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By LEON GUTTERMAN

HOLLYWOOD—

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

FANNY BRICE, now completing her eighth year as radio's lovable brat, Baby Snooks, her second with her own air show (CBS, Sundays), and her twenty-fifth year since she introduced the Terrible Tot to the Palace Theatre (New York) vaudeville audiences, is living as near the perfect life as is possible. Always active and full of nervous energy, she spends her hours constructively with painting, interior decoration, dress designing and other arts for which she had little time when she was so indelibly linked with Broadway and the Ziegfeld Follies.

Snooks was discovered by chance. About twenty-five years ago, Fanny originated her at a party purely for the entertainment of her friends. Soon Baby Snooks appeared professionally on the Broadway stage, first in a skit authored by Moss Hart and later, in its present format, by the late and brilliant writer, Dave Freedman. Several years later, Snooks made her big show in the Ziegfeld Follies. It was not until the "Good News of 1938" radio program that the spoiled moppet really came to life for the majority of Americans. They adopted her as their own.

Fanny did likewise. The creator looked into her creation's future. There were things Snooks must never do and never say. A precocious and often naughty child—yes—but never in bad taste, and never wandering too far from reality. Thanks to Fanny's own children and her constant study of friends' youngsters, she knew what was real. Memories of her own childhood were not helpful. She grew up with the swiftness of most East Side New York kids in those days.

That fact, one of the strangest paradoxes, is not unusual when you know Fanny Brice. She did know what she'd missed out, but there were plenty of children in the world to watch. She knew what she wanted, and she set out, methodically and persistently, to make Snooks the country's delightful juvenile radio treat. Today Snooks is second nature to Fanny. She knows instinctively what the little character should say and do and think; how she should react and how she should be treated. All this is invaluable to her script writers.

Fanny Brice intoned her first drooling, coy, insinuating "Daddy" on New York's lower East Side, in the shadow of the city's tenement district. As a child, Fanny found school much less interesting than her friends. Of a summer evening, Forsyth Street was invariably enlivened by the singing and dancing of the gawky Brice kid.

An audience at Keeney's Theatre in Brooklyn witnessed the professional debut of this star—at an amateur night. Filled with misgivings, 12-year-old Fanny tremulously rendered "When You Know You're Not Forgotten By the Girl You Can't Forget" to enthusiastic applause, accompanied by a shower of pennies, nickels and dimes. This reception marked the end of Fanny's schooling and the beginning of a stumbling but successful career as a great entertainer.

With the theater bee firmly

planted in her bonnet, Fanny's next stop was a small amusement parlour on East 83rd St. where, 20 times daily and to the accompaniment of illustrated songs shown on the screen, she led the patrons in song, pinch-hitting at the same time as ticket-seller, cashier and accompanist. She worked from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. for eight dollars a week, gathering experience for the Big Time.

Fanny's next stage venture was neither successful nor long-lived. On hearing that Cohan and Harris were casting a revue, she applied as a singer and hooper. The fact that she didn't know chorus routines, though not of great importance to dauntless Fanny, was only too clear to Messrs. Cohan and Harris who fired her with dispatch.

Fanny bounced back in a road company burlesque which, though not epic-making in the history of the theatrical world, gave her many months of rich experience in trouping. By the time the show reached New York, Fanny had changed her name to Brice (her real name is Borasch), mastered dancing and had advanced from hooper in the last row of the chorus to the soubrette of the show.

A call for specialty singers by producer Max Spiegel for his show, "College Girls," was answered by Fanny, armed with two numbers written and taught her by her friend and admirer, Irving Berlin. So pleased was Spiegel by Fanny's ability that he signed her to a 10-year contract. If Fanny's mother had been able to write and if Fanny had been over 21, this contract might have proved a stumbling-block to her future career. For, it was in this show, at the famous old Columbia Burlesque Theater in Manhattan, that Florenz Ziegfeld caught her act and offered her seventy dollars a week to appear in his famous "Follies of 1910." Since the Spiegel contract was not binding, Fanny, at the age of seventeen, became a Ziegfeld Girl.

In the next few years, Fanny played in more musicals and vaudeville. It was in between Ziegfeld shows that Baby Snooks, Fanny's brain-child, was born. Fanny was at an after-the-show party where, inescapably, she found herself amusing the gathering with parodies on "Poor Pauline"—a song popular at the time. Her final encore, an impromptu characterization done in the style of a small child named Babykins, was an instantaneous hit. It was temporarily overshadowed, however, for Fanny was to add yet another facet to her many-sided achievements with her rendition of "My Man" in an early Ziegfeld Follies. Here, she established herself as a darling of Broadway, remaining in the Follies for the next fourteen years and co-starring with such personalities as Eddie Cantor, W. C. Fields, the late Will Rogers and other historic names of that glittering theatrical era.

In 1925, Fanny went dramatic for David Belasco, but shortly returned to comedy, where she could mimic to her heart's content. She made several Hollywood films (you can see her in MGM's current technicolor extravaganza, "The Ziegfeld Follies") but preferred the stage and kept returning to the boards until the radio bug hit

dot's line

By DOT MEYBERG

DOT'S DIARY. Oddly enough Walt Disney set a preview of his latest picture on the first night of Pesach, and it had a cocktail party following. . . . Director Michael Curtiz is thrilled

with the first scenes of "Life with Father" which he is making in color at Warner Brothers. . . . Louis Sobol, columnist and author is quite elated that Warner Brothers bought his original story "Billy's Gay 30's" which will be made as a musical based on the N. Y. night club of the



DOT

same name. . . . Producer Hunt Stromberg intends keeping Hedy Lamarr busy; he's pushing "Dis-honored Lady" into immediate production according to Jack Chertok who is assigned to the picture.

THIS 'N' THAT. Two promotion stunts are intriguing columnists in the film capital. . . . In the mail came a box, which when opened revealed three large walnuts in shells with a date, with a card bearing the words "you have a date with three nuts April 26" . . . my guess is that the famous Marx Brothers sent that. . .

AND SO. The regional con-

vention of Federation of Temple Sisterhoods meets here next week. . . . Gerald L. K. Smith stut-terings are causing excitement with KKK activities coming to light. See where Universal is preparing to do a story of "Return of the Vigilantes" which I hope will not put ideas in any minds. . . . most exciting news is that Ellen Drew and Sy Bartlett, writer, are back together again. . . . At the Academy Award affair, Cy admitted that he was hoping, and so were we all. Bartlett did a great piece of work as a major in the Armed Forces during the war. . . . MGM have gobs of entertainment in "Ziegfeld Follies" and not to see it would be a loss. Color extravaganza of the year.—So LONG!

Yesterday and Today In

THE LIVES OF FAMOUS FOLK



Lauren Bacall was graduated from a New York high school at the age of 15, 495th out of a class of 884, and the school year book printed this ditty beside her picture: "Popular ways that win, May your dreams of becoming an actress overflow the brim." At this moment, the brim would seem to be overflowing.

The 21-year-old ex-New York model, dubbed "The Look" by publicity agents, has acquired a movie reputation of sensational proportions and a husband—Actor Humphrey Bogart, her first leading man, in less than 18 months since her picture on the cover of a leading fashion magazine caught the interest of Mrs. Howard Hawks, wife of the producer. Hawks brought her to Hollywood, presented her to the movie-going public as a sultry-voiced, sensuous "tough" girl in "To Have and Have Not," and Bacall was a national byword.

Her meteoric success was something of an accident—she is neither a raving beauty nor a great actress, but she has always had the persistent kind of determination that usually gets what its owners want.

Bacall was born Betty Joan Perske in the Bronx, New York, on Sept. 16, 1924. Her father was Alsatian and her mother

of Rumanian parentage. After her parents were divorced, her mother took a secretarial job and "Betty," as she was known then, was sent to boarding school. In high school, where she is remembered as a chronic truant and classroom cut-up, her mother encouraged her to model girls' clothes for department store advertisements, such as the one above taken when she was 14. Mrs. Bacall also sent Betty to a Saturday morning dramatics class while she was in high school and after graduation enrolled her in the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

After a year she decided to try Broadway, but only appeared in one insignificant part. So, in order to eat, she turned back to modeling, was averaging \$300 a week when she left for Hollywood. Bacall's second picture, also with Bogart, has not yet been released. In 1937, when the 13-year-old "Betty" saw a Bogart picture, she told a schoolmate: "I'm crazy about that man."

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Jews in Sports

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By HASKELL COHEN



FROM behind a hosiery counter on Fort Hamilton Parkway in Brooklyn came a meek man with a bland smile and an easy-going manner. This personality with a sweet disposition emerged from the little business and into the roughest, toughest in the land—the boxing industry.

Any normal human wouldn't have accepted thirty cents for his chances of clicking in the rough and tumble struggle of fight circles, but the truth is he's on top.

Why? He manages the atomic puncher from the East Side—Rocky Graziano. Rocky, known as the SOCK, is box-office plus in invigorating personality. He has been guided to this exalted position in pugilism by this ex-hosiery salesman, the little man with the bland smile and the disposition of a bright June day. His name's Irving Cohen.

It all started ten years ago when Mrs. Cohen suggested to her husband that his mid-section was expanding. She suggested a bi-weekly visit to the Bensonhurst Jewish Center.

Like the obliging husband he is, Irving went religiously and it was not long before he was in the ring, boxing with the youngsters. One of them was an amateur ringman of note—Marty Pomerantz.

At first, Cohen remained on the sidelines and waited for the kid to display his wares. For months, he watched without saying a word because, after all, Irving Cohen, is fundamentally—a shy man. One day, he broke his silence.

"Marty, you're a good fighter, but not as good as you think." The boxer looked at the meek Cohen and was about to explode when the little fellow suggested a brief boxing session. What happened in that ring, today is legendary, but Marty Pomerantz emerged a classier fighter. At last, he was using his muscle and brawn and brain.

Pomerantz then accepted a partnership with Cohen and together the two went places. The fighter became a champion and told everyone it was Cohen's mental agility which was responsible for his astounding improvement.

Mrs. Cohen regretted having advised her spouse to go to the gym. He spent less and less time in the store. After all, he wasn't making a living from an amateur fighter. She reasoned with her husband and he agreed to forget about the whole matter.

That afternoon, he called Pomerantz aside and spoke to him with sweetness and light. "Marty—you're a good fighter and here's where our partnership ends. You're becoming a pro and I'm going back to the hosiery counter." He extended his hand, but the fighter refused to shake it. "Nothing doing. I'm with you, Irving. If you're not my manager, then forget about it. I'll quit, too. That's how it stands."

Cohen reasoned and reasoned with the youngster without shaking his original resolve. Finally, Irving agreed to handle him for a short time. And then—the hosiery store saw less and less of its proprietor. He was now in the reception rooms of fight promoters, asking for bouts for Pomerantz.

At first—the promoters regarded Cohen with a mixture of humor and tolerance. "Nice little guy," they would say, "he's in the wrong business."

In Brooklyn, the hosiery store was slowly striking the rocks with the master dashing around the fight business. By this time, Cohen no longer cared what happened to his little establishment. He was having too much fun as a fight manager.

Pomerantz was only the start, and Irving Cohen stayed in the boxing business. Today we know the answer. He's one of the most successful men in the field. No one has ever said an unkind word about him. They just can't criticize him.

Actually, he's the same bland, self-effacing little guy of the hosiery days. Only today he deals in socks and the stock of his number one fighter—Rocky Graziano—has hit the top of the market.

Graziano is a two-fisted, growling, punchin' fool with the air of an infuriated character. You can picture the two of them together—Cohen, mild as a lamb, and Graziano, tigerish.

Together they've cleaned up in the fight business.

And these days when Cohen walks along the streets of Fort Hamilton Parkway, some old customer stops him and says, "Mr. Cohen, what ever happened to you? Do you know where I can get some nylons?"

Irving just says—"I'm not in that business anymore. I deal in socks."

Brother, he ain't kiddin'.

Rabbi Rosenbloom Installed

Special

PHILADELPHIA—Rabbi Noah H. Rosenbloom has been installed

as new head of Tikvas Israel congregation. He was formerly in charge of the Montefiore Synagogue and of the Bronx Hebrew Academy in New York.

Quarterly Ratings List Jewish Boxers

Special

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The first quarterly ratings of the year by Abe J. Greene, president of the National Boxing Association, lists several prominent Jewish boxers.

Lee Oma, the former Chicagoan, is one of the outstanding boxers in the heavyweight division.

Gus Lesnevich of New Jersey heads the light heavyweight division, now being the possessor of the title in that division.

George Abrams is a logical contender in the Middleweight class. He's in the Navy.

Allie Stolz, New Jersey, is one of the logical contenders in the lightweight class.

Bennie Goldberg of Detroit is ranked with the outstanding choices in the bantamweight class.

Shy Raiken Decides To Enter Villanova

Special

PHILADELPHIA—Sherwood (Shy) Raiken, outstanding basketball star of Dobbins Vocational High School and breaker of many records during the past season, has definitely decided to enter Villanova College this fall.

The Jewish lad that made the all-Public High also starred as a .500 hitter in baseball and quarterbacked the football team. Raiken is 17, weighs 185 and is 6 feet one inch in height.

Phil Snyder who captioned the Dobbins football team and was Public High League champion on the parallel bar will also enter Villanova this fall along with his team mate.

Gimbel to Welcome Son-in-law With Party

Special

PHILADELPHIA—Ellis A. Gimbel is planning a large party when Hank Greenberg, his new son-in-law comes to town with the Detroit Tigers to play the Philadelphia Athletics. Hank, who looked pretty bad in the early spring training games, is now rounding into shape and is swatting the apple as is expected of a \$60,000 slugger.

Million Goal for Rescue And Fight on Bias

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—"Intolerance and bigotry are too expensive for even rich America," U. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark warned at a dinner of the Jewish Labor Committee at the Hotel Roosevelt marking the launching of a \$1,000,000 drive to finance rescue work in Europe and the committee's educational campaign against anti-Semitism in this country.

Plea Translated Into Spanish

Special

NEW YORK—"In Peace and Dignity," the testimony before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine of Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, President of the American Jewish Committee, which eloquently pleaded for the immediate admission into Palestine of 100,000 victims of Naziism now in occupied Europe, has been translated into Spanish and will be given extensive Latin American distribution by the Committee.

Hungary Against Bias and Zion

World Wide News Service

BUDAPEST—Promising a "ruthless struggle" against anti-Semitism as one of the factors which helped plunge Hungary into the war, Eric Molnar, Minister of Welfare, called Zionism a "reactionary" movement "even if it proclaims Socialism."

Shorts

THERE'S a race horse named for Gabe Paul, the popular traveling secretary of the Cincinnati Reds. The horse is named Gabe Paul and he recently won two big events at Bowie, Md.

Jules Siegle, an end candidate for the Northwestern football team, has looked good in spring drills.

Allie Stolz, Newark lightweight, will meet Bob Montgomery for the New York-Pennsylvania lightweight title on May 17 in Madison Square Garden. Stolz is currently in the midst of a nice comeback. The fight is a scheduled 15-round.

Hank Greenberg was sent back to Detroit ahead of the regular gang because of a back ailment, which hasn't been responding to treatment. He left the team at Evansville along with other Tiger stars, Eddie Mayor and Virgil Trucks. Shortly before the back started giving him trouble, Hank went 10 straight games without going hitless.

Bob Biel, the former Canton Lehman High star who earned football and basketball letters at Ohio State University in his freshman year, is now Pvt. Bob Biel and is in training at Camp Polk, La.

Murray Franklin, an infielder recently released by the Detroit Tigers, has joined the Mexican Baseball league. He signed for a good figure, too, despite the fact that he wasn't one of the stars being sought by the Pasquel brothers. Franklin played with Buffalo before going to service.

Goodie Rosen, who played the regular center field spot for the Dodgers last season, was with the Brooklyn B team during the late stages of the training grind. The fleet-footed Canadian still shows the same speed and power which featured his work last season. At least one other Major league club is interested in his services if Branch Rickey is thinking about selling or trading him.

The Giants' Sid Gordon was making complete progress in his recovery of a leg injury when boom he went crashing into a fence to lay him up for a few extra days.

Phil Solomon, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, is the matchmaker for the Los Angeles Sports Enterprise, which is headed by Singer Frank Sinatra. The group plans to stage outdoor boxing shows in L. A. and later, when materials are available, will construct a large all-sports arena to be known as Hollywood Square Garden.

Hillel Regional Meet Set

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—Leading the discussions on the program will be Dr. Benjamin Akzin of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Rabbi Melvin Weinman, Rabbi Sanford Saperstein, Rabbi Isidore Budick, Rabbi Samuel Perlman, Rabbi David W. Herson and Rabbi Meyer Greenberg.

Stern Council Vice President

Special

CHICAGO—David B. Stern of this city has been named a national vice-president of the American Council for Judaism.

Norman S. Goetz was re-elected for a second term as president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York at a meeting last week.

Ohio State Tennis Star Starts Season With Win

Special

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Arnold Levinstein, who served as a captain in the Army Air Forces won his first match of the season as a member of the Ohio State University tennis team. He then doubled with Art Coles to win his two-man event.

Levinstein is one of the better Jewish athletes in the city. In addition to tennis, he plays a good game of basketball, having been with several championship teams in his pre-war days.

At the recent YMCA sports banquet at which champions in all sports were honored, Levinstein needed a basket to take home his individual awards and trophies. Here's what he received his awards for: singles table tennis championship, class B doubles in handball, badminton singles championship.

Levinstein is 22, stands six feet two and is single. Before deciding on Ohio State, he turned down a chance to enroll in a big Far West school.

Akron Wins Mid-West Jewish Cage Title

Special

AKRON, Oo.—The Akron Jewish center team, titlist in the Mid-West League, won the Mid-West Tournament here last week-end. The champs defeated Hank Lefkowitz and the Cleveland Recreation Alliance, 44-37, in the title affair.

In its drive to the top, Akron defeated the Cleveland Star Printers and Youngstown.

Lefkowitz, Western Reserve star, scored 23 points in his team's semi-final.

95% of New Farmers Staying on Land, Report

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—A total of 95 per cent of all Jewish farmers who settled on the land just before World War II and during the war years have remained at their new occupation, Dr. Gabriel Davidson, managing director of the Jewish Agricultural Society, which aids Jews in settling on the land, reported in the organization's forty-sixth annual report.

The report also declares that the Jewish farm population of nearly 150,000 men, women and children is in "a healthy and prosperous situation."

Southpaw Harry Eisenstadt has been given his release by the Cleveland Indians.

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(All holidays begin on the preceding evening at sundown.)

Friday, April 19, 1946

The Editor's Chair.

A very stupid attack on Zionists appears in the April 1 issue of the Information Bulletin of the American Council for Judaism, Inc., in which a Samuel Edelman charges Zionists with the following: "Judaism as a religion is completely de-emphasized among the higher hierarchy of Zionist leaders, very few of them profess religious convictions; agnosticism is rife among them and they publicly proclaim that they welcome Catholic Jews, and agnostics into the fold of Zionism, provided they accept that dogma of Jewish nationality."

This charge would be absurd coming from anyone, but coming from the Council, the only conclusion to be reached is that the Council people have just gone berserk.

It doesn't take any amount of observation at all to find out that the core of the truly religious in every Jewish community throughout the United States is always the Zionist group. And the condition is only a normal one. The religious Jew, the Jew that attends services regularly, that considers his Jewishness as normal as the weather, is also a Zionist, and never gave the matter of joining the Zionist group a second thought.

Just as absurd is the theme of Mr. Edelman's entire article. It is headed, "Yes, Dr. Finklestein, We Agree," and proceeds to support Dr. Finklestein by accusing Zionism for the condition Dr. Finklestein said existed. The last sentence reads: "We welcome Dr. Finklestein into our labors." The only persons who will be pleased with this "boruch haboh" will be Dr. Finklestein's enemies, who will seize on this piece to renew their attacks on the head of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

When I first read of the Fede case, the thought occurred immediately, here is the first public knowledge of the drive to bring every Jew possible to the doors of Palestine by whatever means. Consequently I put the word "scheme" in the headline, because all the facts when tied together indicated that there had been some master planning behind the attempt and that only a last-minute and unexpected incident prevented the plan from being carried out.

What was happening, I gather, is this. Official Jewish groups were arranging for vessels, gathering the refugees, and taking care of all the details. The idea was to get the DPs to Palestine, and then let the British contend with world public opinion when

they turned them away. It was merely the carrying out of the threats Jews of Palestine have made that they would do everything possible to see that every Jew who wanted to go to Palestine got there.

You know as much as I do about the taking over of Middlesex College for the eventual "Jewish University" and the election of Dr. Israel Goldstein as president of the board. It is obvious what has happened, and of course, The Post is heartily in favor of the move. Yet the question must be asked, with whom is Dr. Goldstein working? All I want to say is that the Jewish community has a right to expect, since Dr. Goldstein in one sense or another will be operating as the representative of the Jews of America, that there is a large and responsible group working with him or that he has some assurances from affluent sources that the funds will be forthcoming. Very possibly, with the wrong kind of a start and sponsorship, certain sources of support could be cut off, and this would be as unfortunate as it is unnecessary.

Mrs. Epstein, Voss on Aid For Zionists Over Mutual

SPECIAL
NEW YORK—Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, member of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference, and Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, co-director of the American Christian Palestine Committee, will present the Zionist point of view in a radio debate on "How Can We Bring Peace to Palestine?" on Tuesday April 23, 9:30-10:15 p. m. (EST) over Station WOR and the Mutual Network.

UOJCA to Celebrate Anniversary

SPECIAL
NEW YORK—Twelve hundred orthodox synagogues throughout America will join in the celebration of the 48th anniversary of the founding of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at a dinner Sunday, April 28, at the Hotel Astor.

Principal speaker will be former State Supreme Court Justice Philip J. McCook.

Would Extend Scope of Plan

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—An international conference will be held at Oxford University in July to map means of extending the Springfield plan for inter-racial and intercultural tolerance throughout the world, it was announced here, by Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, president of Vassar College. The conference, Dr. MacCracken said, was suggested by Walter Simpson, director of the British Council of Jews and Christians.

1st Women's Institute On Judaism Held in N.Y.

World Wide News Service
NEW YORK—Over four hundred Protestant church women attended an Institute on Judaism held here at Temple Emanu-El under the auspices of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in cooperation with the New York Council of Church Women. The first Institute designed to interpret the beliefs, rituals and traditions of Judaism to church women, it will be the forerunner of similar Institutes to be held in other communities by the more than four hundred Sisterhoods affiliated with the National Federation.

Editorial Page

Who Rabbi Opher's Letter Is Aimed At

RABBI AHRON OPHER'S resignation as an official of the Synagogue Council of America centers the spotlight on a situation which is neither healthy nor conducive to wholesome growth on the part of the body from which he is resigning.

But in effect Rabbi Opher is not criticizing so much the Synagogue Council as he is the national Jewish organizations, and he is not demanding an overhauling of the Synagogue Council so much as he is calling for a complete revolution in the American Jewish Community.

In the chaos that is now the situation in regard to our national Jewish organizations, none is going to be willing to give up any of its prerogatives as long as no complete overhauling is in view.

If perchance a figure large enough were to loom on the American Jewish scene who could bring the national agencies together so that some order could be worked out and the present duplication, competition and waste eliminated in favor of an overall plan which would assign duties to those agencies best fitted to carry them out, the various national organizations, if they had faith in the plan, might be willing to yield their vested interests in favor of the well-being of the majority.

But the B'nai B'rith is not going to sacrifice any part of its Anti-Defamation League as long as it is afraid of the encroachments of the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress in this direction; nor will it give up its Hillel work, which is specifically a religious activity, as long as Hillel provides

so much good publicity for the organization, and as long as competition is so bitter among our national Jewish organizations.

But all of these things will gradually work themselves out and it is voices like that of Rabbi Opher which will hasten the process and bring some order out of the disgusting mess. The ADL today is not the supreme organization it was five or ten years ago, and in another ten years will be just that much more responsive to the will of the American Jewish Community.

How it will happen that the vice the layman has on our national Jewish life will be loosened at least in the religious field, is more difficult to predict, except that the rising voices of men like Rabbi Eisendrath and Rabbi Opher, just to mention two, will slowly wrench from the usually Jewish-ignorant laymen control over projects which definitely belong in the purview of the synagogue.

What is lacking most in the American Jewish community today is an organ through which Jewish public opinion can be welded. As it is, Rabbi Opher's letter of resignation, which should be read by every Jew in the United States, will be printed in full very likely only in one place—in this paper.

The two things will come about at once. The emergence of a national Jewish publication, completely independent and with allegiance only to the whole and not to any part, and the beginning of a submergence of the interest of national Jewish organizations before the well-being of the American Jewish community.

Wiping Out The Cliquishness Of The Young

RECENTLY there was organized in Indianapolis a youth group whose purpose was to overcome the cliquishness among the younger people in the community. Not only was Indianapolis divided by a North (rich) side and South (poor) side dichotomy, but in addition the young people of the congregations on either sides usually did not associate with the young people of other congregations in their same area.

As one of its first activities the new group has arranged a "Youth Service" at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (Reform) at which participants representing all but one of the seven congregations in the community are participating in a panel Discussion on, "How to Create Better Understanding Among

the Jewish Youth of Indianapolis."

Almost all of the activities of the Jewish group tend to wipe away the differences which exist between Reform, Conservative and Orthodox in our local communities, but this new agency seems to be speeding up the process which normally might require at least two or more generations to effect. There are still many Orthodox Jews who will not enter a Reform Temple, and there are still many children of Orthodox Jews who scorn the Reform service as much as they do a Christian service. These attitudes are unwarranted and would disappear in time, but the new group will serve to wipe them away in a spirit of cordiality and friendliness which will augur well for the future unity of the local community.

Is This Expenditure Wise?

ANNOUNCEMENT of the production of an "exclusive" film record of the by now almost forgotten release of the 900 some odd refugees from the Oswego Camp at Fort Ontario is hailed in a news release of the National Refugee Service, which has done a very creditable job, and which is still straining to make itself useful in the American Jewish Community.

Why money that is needed in Europe should be spent to produce such a film is a very pertinent question.

The Post has no complaint against the And there should be an answer also.

NRS. The agency performed a real service in taking care of the needs of the refugees who arrived in the United States prior to the war, and it deserves and has received the plaudits of the American Jewish community.

Also with the admission of new refugees, there is still work for the agency, or for what-

ever new overall agency is set up as the result of a merger.

But the objection is to the enormous pains taken by the agency and its publicity department to impress on the Jews of the country the "great" job the agency is doing, and how remarkable has been its kind offices in the emergency facing the Jews of the world.

The NRS requires a million or more or less dollars to operate, and although this seems like a large budget in view of the fact that the agency has not had much work in the past few years, there would be very little objection to allocating that amount to it as long as the need actually existed.

But the type of publicity the agency is putting out tends to lead people to believe that there is no need and that the only need is for the perpetuation of the NRS in order that somebody can have a job and somebody else be a president and so on.

Current Comment

Proper Respect for Flag, Prayers Explained
by Dr. Asher Isaacs in The American Jewish Outlook of Pittsburgh—We have just finished looking over some photographs of Jewish banquet scenes. Several were snapped during the moment of invocation by a rabbi. Now entirely aside from the question as to whether an invocation is the time for taking a picture, there is a disturbing fact that a number of banqueters have their heads bowed. This is not a Jewish practice. The Jew holds his head aloft during prayer, not in the spirit of arrogance or lack of humility but because he raises his eyes unto the mountains whence his help cometh; because he prays to his Father in Heaven. There is a similar mistake made in regard to uncovering the head to show reverence. We attended a banquet recently in an orthodox synagogue and it was surprising to see how

many men removed their "skull caps" (yarmelkeys) when the Star Spangled Banner was being sung. The orthodox Jew shows his reverence by keeping his head covered. Certainly the man who covers his head while he recites the Shema and other prayers intends no distaste in keeping his head covered on other occasions. He, of course, does not show discourtesy by uncovering his head. Members of our armed forces do not remove their hats in honoring our national anthem. As a matter of practical policy, the hat should be removed where a general audience is assembled because it is not easy to explain the covered head. But in an all-Jewish audience in an orthodox gathering or synagogue, the covered head pays the fullest tribute to the American flag and the anthem.



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SUGGESTS OTHER REASONS BE FOUND THAN DOUBTING ONE'S PATRIOTISM

Editor, The Jewish Post,

In Al Segal's column of your issue of Friday, April 5, in which he speaks on Jewish Veterans, appears this quotation by the columnist from a letter addressed to him by a Mr. Harold Hirschberg: "If a Jewish veterans' organization, why not a Catholic, Protestant, or atheist veterans' organization . . ." Mr. Segal himself declares later on: "Certainly there is no special Jewish problem in the affairs of veterans. No more than there is a Catholic problem, a Protestant problem, or what have you in that kind of problem."

For your own information, and you may draw whatever conclusions you wish, I am enclosing a clipping from the local Richmond News Leader, of Wednesday April 10, 1946, showing a scene during which a Catholic War Veterans group received its charter. Under the picture are these words: "NEW POST GETS CHARTER—The first local post of the Catholic War Veterans received its charter from the national organization at McGill Hall last night. The new post was organized last month and has more than 100 members. Left to right in front row are Monsignor Leo J. Ryan; F. J. Roy, national vice-commander; I. Wallmeyer, acting commander of the new Post 569, receiving the charters from National Commander E. T. McCaffrey, and Morgan Strother, State commander of the American Legion, a guest at the ceremonies."

Apparently then there are national and local Catholic veterans groups. The American Legion, so it would seem, does not hesitate to give them its own blessing. I would also commend . . . in this connection . . . your own editorial in the same issue indicating wherein a Jewish Veterans' organization is not only undeserving of the sniping which has been aimed at it lately, but

can serve definite positive purposes.

I should like to add another observation. Surrounding such vital Jewish issues as all-day parochial schools, Zionism, and Jewish veterans groups, there are many understandable, legitimate pros and cons. But it would well behoove all those who oppose any particular practice or institution in American Jewish life to beware of the nature of the reasons they adduce for their own viewpoints. To attack any or all of the above mentioned issues on the ground that their proponents are not exactly good or loyal Americans, or unappreciative of American concepts and institutions, is to be guilty of nothing less than slander.

Mr. Segal, whose salty criticisms and observations do often possess much merit, is to my mind guilty in this respect, whether or not he realizes it. He is typical of the too-many more-American-than-the-President Jews who feel called upon to remind their fellow-Jews that, after all, this is America and "we don't want and ghettos now whether in the physical or the spiritual or civic meaning." In such comments of Mr. Segal as: "Jews belong with all other American citizens wherever it is the duty of Americans to be . . . Jews insist on doing their part with all other Americans in the work of Americans" . . . "As Americans we have no problems separate from the commonality of Americans," there is ill-concealed expression of suspicion that maybe there is something lacking in American Jews, namely, good old-fashioned American patriotism. Just tell that to the Jewish chaplains and the many boys of the Jewish faith who have returned from Okinawa, who have no problem at all in "squaring" their love of country with membership in a Jewish Veterans organization!

If there is to be opposition, wholesome and helpful, to any specific proposal or project in the American Jewish scene, by all means let's have it. But, by all means, let criticism be on the highest level. I myself can think of reasons for opposing this or that, but I'd rather leave out any intimation that my opponent is not as good, or, as understanding an American as I am! And, by the way, since when is it "kosher" for Christians to do things, and not for Jews? Would we dare impugn the Americanism of the countless institutions, schools, colleges, organizations and societies that are sponsored by Christian denominational agencies?

Cordially yours,
RABBI NATHAN KOLLIN
Richmond, Va.

Letters From Russia Held Up; No Addresses

Editor, The Jewish Post,

The Union of Russian Jews, Inc., 55 West 42nd St., New York 18, N. Y., has received messages for the following persons, whose addresses are not known:

1. KRINBERG, or Grinberg, Abraham—message from sister, Maia Deribinskaya, of Odessa.
2. RABKIN or Raskin—from sister, Maia Deribinskaya, of Odessa.
3. NAFTALOVICH, Shifre Dveire, of Kielco—from sister, Chana Filler.
4. SILK, Moisei (Rabbi) and his wife, Diana Markovna, of Proskurov—message from niece, daughter of Mrs. Silk's brother, Ichiel.
5. ALPEROVICH, Miriam—from her father, Ilya Lvovich Alperovich.
6. ZATS, Moise Lvovich, of M. Mezhibets, Kam. Podolsk Obl., from Kogan, Tsilia Shmulevna, of Kharkov.
7. BRUN, Malia, of Proskurov—from Gudich, Sura Tevelvna, daughter of Mrs. Brun's sister.
8. KRIVITSKY, Nathan and Rosa—from Rosa's sister, Chiena Moiseevna Vitenzon, of Vatebsk.
9. GORDON, Feiga or Fania Bensionovna, from brother, Aron Ruzhinsky.
10. BERKOVITS, Nochim of Baranovichi—from niece, Sore Schnelder Meerovits.
11. LIADES, Morris, in the drug business—from Sore Schnelder Meerovits.

For further details about the

SIMON MILLER CORRECTS ERROR IN EDITORIAL ON SHEKEL DRIVE

Editor, The Jewish Post,

I was really surprised reading your editorial in the last issue of The Post about the Shekel campaign.

First of all, permit me to state that a Shekel purchaser does not buy a vote for the delegates to the Zionist Congress, but buys only the right to vote on the election day some time in June, when a secret ballot will be cast. Each Shekel purchaser is entitled to participate in the election and to cast his ballot for whom he feels like, disregarding from whom and from which group his Shekel was bought. Therefore a Shekel bought from the Labor Zionists does not mean a vote for the Histadrut nor does a Shekel bought from the religious Zionists mean a vote for the Miz-rachi. Not at all. Because, if the Shekel would already determine also the vote for the delegations of the particular groups, then the whole procedure of a secret and proportional election thereafter would be meaningless and a waste of time.

The truth of the matter is that the Shekel board is constituted of representatives of all the groups in Zionism. The race among the groups in the sale of Shekolim is not to gain votes, but to build more prestige, to bring in under the wings of Zionism at large as many followers and sympathizers as possible. The party or the group may also benefit from more Shekolim sales by the proportional determination of the entitled amount of candidates. But all the parties, working to-

are all under the same privileges and obligations.

Furthermore, each group operates among certain Jewish people. If the Laborites can approach the unions and lodges, the religious Zionists are more qualified to reach the "Shul" and Talmud Torah circles, then the General Zionists may concentrate their efforts on clubs and business circles.

The best proof that the purchase of a Shekel does not mean ideological affiliation is that Hadassah sells Shekolim also to men, disregarding the fact that Hadassah is exclusively a female organization. We should also not forget that Shekolim can not be sold to members of any Zionist group, because all membership dues include also the Shekel.

Therefore a Shekel shall be bought from anyone who comes first, disregarding the seller's ideology; and the vote thereafter shall be cast for the group or party with whom your sympathies lie. The Shekel sale will prove how many American Jews are in sympathy with Zionism at large. The election therefore will prove who is who among the Zionist parties and which of them is the one to dominate the Jewish public opinion and which has the greatest amount of ideological followers and sympathizers. The Shekel campaign is mainly and exclusively for the first purpose; the election thereafter has the second goal.

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"There's a Time for Everything . . ."

BY LILLIAN REZNICK OTT

Tears are useless, brothers,
As well you know,
And despair frustrates
The urge for survival
And impoverishes
What struggling ideals
Remain still intact
Thus, rendering them impotent
To pierce the dismal pall
Of seemingly total futility.

But blood, brothers,
The stuff upon which
Your vehicle of destiny
Has so long sailed forlorn
Upon the stormy seas of might. . . .
Ah, this too, you know,
But much too long
In terms of martyrdom. . . .
Blood, brothers,
Shed in willing conflict based on right,
Gives new impetus to the inner surge
To dominance of the spirit
Over the mechanized, death-dealing hordes
That would herd you
Into the stifling confines of dependence
Upon the guidance of a Justice
Too long blind.

Die fighting then!
It is nobler to die thus
Than as stupid sheep
Bleating sufferance
Beneath the butcher's axe.
The records of martyrdom
Are already
Swelled out of proportion
Beside the heroic recordings
Of braver days. . . .

There is a time to plant
And a time to harvest.
And this is the time
To balance the books.

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"The Jews And The World Today" Delivered Before The Commonwealth Club, San Francisco

BY RABBI IRVING F. REICHERT Vice President, American Council For Judaism.

THE privilege of addressing the Commonwealth Club is one which I highly esteem. Nearly thirteen years have passed since I spoke to you on a subject quite similar to our theme today; and in the intervening time the face of the entire planet has been changed. A new era has made its appearance and the pattern of human destiny has been profoundly altered. Thirteen years ago I had just returned from a visit to Hitler's Germany and a number of contiguous countries which he was subsequently to overrun and dominate. In my report to you on that occasion, I pointed out that his assault upon the Jews, while fraught with tragedy and disaster for my co-religionists, carried ominous implications for all of Western civilization. I reminded you of the classic axiom that the status of the Jew in any society constituted a reliable barometer, indicating the degree of enlightenment, humanity and culture which prevailed, and that if the history of human affairs during the last 2500 years contained any lesson or warning for our day, then what was happening to the Jews in Germany was much more than a cloud the size of a man's hand, presaging the danger that threatened the world.

It is a melancholy truism that hind-sight is clearer than fore-sight. Standing today on the summit of the vast and gruesome human wreckage and social debris of a war-exhausted civilization, and looking back over the crimson path we have traveled, it is perfectly obvious now that the Nazi assault upon the Jews was, as indeed we were then told, a lateral attack upon the whole system of democratic ideals and values. It was both a technique and a testing ground deliberately employed with shrewd calculation to ascertain the sensitivity of the conscience of mankind. The rest is history. Had the moral conscience of the civilized world refused then to countenance the deliberate and systematic degradation and liquidation of an innocent community, based upon no more substantial grounds than racial and religious bigotry, the Nazi evil would have been crushed in its incipient stages, mankind would have been spared the agony of the most devastating war in history, and millions of human beings, as well as incalculable material resources would have been saved from destruction.

IN A WORLD such as ours today, in which the cup of human sorrow in so many lands is filled to overflowing, one hesitates to focus attention upon only one segment of this planetary calamity. If I appear to do so today, I submit that it is only in deference to your invitation and request, a request prompted, I believe by the realization that the Jews were not only the first, but the chief victims of the Hitler madness. Fully one-third of the Jewish community that existed in the world before the war has been destroyed. No other people or racial group or religious community has suffered anything like a comparable extermination. If there are, as Dante in his Divine Comedy suggests, degrees of persecution and torture, the Jews of Europe have surely experienced the lowest depths. Nothing in our millennial history, replete as it is with sorrow and persecution and exile and suffering, can begin to parallel the harrowing events of the last decade.

Always in periods of world crisis and wide-spread social dislocation, when man's rational faculties seemed powerless to deal intelligently with complex

economic and social problems, the Jew has been a convenient scape-goat and handy whipping-boy. This was true during the period of the Crusades; it was true during the ravages of the black-death over Europe. It was repeated during the Thirty Years War and the Napoleonic Wars and after the first World War; and in our day the demonstration reached proportions of unparalleled intensity and magnitude.

It would be tempting, did time permit and were I possessed of sufficient competence, to analyze the reasons for this curious phenomenon. Anti-Semitism is a disease. It appears to be as widespread as cancer, and as little understood. As a matter of fact, our total knowledge of human nature, of the mysterious forces and impulses and drives which govern human beings, is fragmentary, inadequate, contradictory and frequently erroneous. If we knew as much about what makes people tick, as we do about what makes a machine go, in all probability we would long since have had a world organized for peace and a society from which every predatory motive had been eliminated. Some day perhaps psychology and the other social sciences will be developed to a point where the mysterious forces of human behaviour and personality will be as amenable to intelligent analysis and control as the physical forces of nature.

But until that happens, the aberrations of human behaviour will continue to baffle and bedevil us. This much we already know: that bigotry, prejudice, unreasoning and blind hatred are the indispensable ingredients of anti-Semitism. Moreover, there is not a society on earth in which the Jew does not constitute a minority. Any minority group anywhere is an easy target for discrimination. Nor is this purely a contemporary phenomenon. Since time immemorial, minority groups have been the victims of reactionary political and economic opportunists, who sought to entrench themselves behind or climb to power over their prostrate bodies.

IN "THE FORTY DAYS OF MUSA DAGH," Franz Werfel describes the martyrdom of the little Armenian group, a small Christian island in a Mohammedan sea, oppressed and tortured, when the lean years brought general distress. At the beginning of the common era, a similar fate befell the early loyal Christians in a preponderantly pagan world. Tertullian, one of the Church fathers, described it thus: "If the Tiber rose to the walls of the city, if the inundation of the Nile failed to give the fields enough water, if the heavens did not send rain, if an earthquake occurred, if famine threatened, if pestilence raged, the cry responded: 'Throw the Christians to the lions!'" How strikingly this classic formula was invoked against the Jews in modern Germany.

Nor was the poison of anti-Semitic propaganda which bore the label "Made in Germany" confined to that land or the territories which subsequently came under Axis domination. The objective of the Nazis, unequivocally announced in Mein Kampf and reiterated again and again with hysterical frequency was the complete annihilation of world Jewry. That propaganda, systematically and painstakingly disseminated with Teutonic thoroughness on a world-wide scale, still hangs like a heavy cloud over every land today. It is responsible, not only for the vast and continuing tragedy of Jews in many lands, but has created confusion in the minds of many

sincere and honest persons, regarding the true nature and status of the Jew.

THE PERSISTENCE with which these artfully fabricated myths continue is both appalling and discouraging. I claim no competence whatever to discuss many of the economic, technological, industrial or political problems which agitate modern society today. But, I do claim, as a Rabbi and teacher in Israel, some competence to talk intelligently about the Jews. They differ among themselves as widely as do Catholics and Protestants and members of any other religious communion. To speak of Jewish solidarity and Jewish unity is fantastic. It is an old, but constantly proved witticism in Jewish circles, that the only thing about which two Jews will agree is the amount that the third Jew, who has just left the room, should give to charity. They never act as a unit. They are divided along numerous economic, social, political, religious and cultural grounds.

Anyone who pretends to speak for all Jews, or any considerable portion of them, not only in matters temporal but even in matters ecclesiastical, is guilty of presumption. Any politician or rabbi who claims the ability to deliver the so-called Jewish vote, is a charlatan. The Jewish vote is as great a myth as "The Elders of Zion." The Jewish people have no central organization or authority. Although there is a general acceptance among Jews of the fundamental principles and theological tenets of Judaism, the Jews are divided religiously—not quite as hopelessly or prolifically as the Protestants, but divided none the less. There are Orthodox and Conservative and Reform Jews, there are non-religious and agnostic and atheistic Jews. The much-talked about typical Jew is a phantom.

It is my business to deal with Jews and I have never, in all my experiences, met, a typical Jew. There is no such thing as a Jewish type. Jews are blond and dark; they are tall and short; they are fat and lean. They are artisans and business men; they are professionals and intellectuals; they are prominent and they are inconspicuous; they are articulate and they are quiet. They are rascals and they are saints. They are geniuses and they are morons. It is high time to launch a vigorous counter-offensive upon the intellectual rubbish that forms the anti-Semitic's stock-in-trade by clearing away these silly and irrational misconceptions.

ONE OF THE MOST deep-seated errors current about the Jews is that they constitute a race. It is amazing to find how prevalent this notion is even in intellectual and academic circles where such scientific illiteracy might be least expected. The term "race" except where it is used metaphorically or poetically or colloquially, has very definite scientific credentials. Anthropologists define a race as a group of people or a community exhibiting a continuity of distinctive physical characteristics transmitted by heredity. These characteristics are both distinctive and continuous. On the basis of these factors the human family is divided broadly speaking, into three great races: the White, the Black and the Yellow, to which occasionally a fourth, the Brown race, is added.

You will find Jews represented in every one of these races of mankind. There are thousands of Negro Jews in Abyssinia whose physical characteristics are indistinguishable from those of their Negro neighbors. There are Jews in China whose features

are authentically Chinese; and in Western lands, depending upon the environmental circumstances and the factors of climate, nutrition, occupation and heredity, the Jews exhibit all the characteristics of the Caucasian group of which they are an integral part. It is obvious therefore, that anyone who uses the term "race" to describe the Jews is employing an arbitrary classification that is completely unsupported by fact.

Another common misconception about the Jews is that they are a nation. This description is equally unsound and unsupportable. It is obvious that the English, the French, the Danes, the Irish, are nations. They have a common language, history, land and government to which they all give allegiance. Twenty-five hundred years ago the Jews were a nation. They had their own land and government in Palestine. They spoke a common language and shared a common national experience.

Today there is a very powerful and highly organized effort being made to re-constitute the Jews again as a nation in Palestine. Should it prove successful, it is possible that at some future time the Jews may again become a nation, but unless and until that occurs, the Jews are very definitely not a nation. They are unequivocally loyal nationals of the countries of which they are citizens.

NOR IS IT POSSIBLE, without a complete disregard for semantics (which deals with the meaning of words) to classify the Jews as a nationality. Frequently an analogy is drawn on the one hand between the status of the Jews today and on the other, the status of the Poles under the Czar, and the Czechs under Austria before the Treaty of Versailles. It is argued that despite their inclusion in the Russian empire, the Poles retained their Polish nationality and the Czechs, regardless of their subject state in Austria, were still of Czech nationality.

Following that line of analogical reasoning, it is argued that the Jews today constitute a nationality. What this line of reasoning fails to take into account is that the Poles and the Czechs all wanted their own land and government for themselves. They were practically unanimously committed to a national hope of being restored to their former country and government. That is emphatically not the case among the Jews. The five million Jews in America do not consider themselves homeless. They are as intensely and patriotically devoted to this land as are any of its most loyal citizens. Even in the event that a Jewish state was established in Palestine, it is doubtful whether more than a mere handful of American Jews would emigrate there. The five million Jews in Russia are likewise loyal nationals of their country. The same can be said of the Jews of Great Britain, and France and the Scandinavian countries, and practically every land from which the Jews have not been brutally expatriated and displaced. To call a people nationals of a non-existent state, in which, even if it were ultimately established, less than six or seven percent of them ever expect to live, is to torture language and empty words of their meaning.

If we are not a race or a nation or a nationality, the obvious question arises, what are we? In some respects, it is difficult to apply to the Jewish people the conventional designations. This much, however, is indisputably

true; that the strongest bond of union among Jews throughout the world is the religious tie. We are members or descendants of a religious community. The only allegiance we share in common on any important international scale is our loyalty to a body of religious truths and to a common religious tradition.

It is significant that when the Jew abandons his faith, he disappears as a Jew in two or three generations. Some of the most prominent members of the San Francisco Christian community are the descendants of Jewish pioneers who helped to organize my own Congregation. Jewish culture is thoroughly religious. Our most memorable and audacious contributions to civilization were made in the field of religion, and if we have survived the disappearance of kingdoms and empires, it was only because of our religious steadfastness which gave us the strength and the will to endure.

THE OVERWHELMING tragedy that has overtaken our fellow-Jews in Europe has not only given a new direction and impetus to organized Jewish life today, but has brought the so-called Jewish problem once more prominently to the foreground of public attention. Before the outbreak of the recent war there were about sixteen million Jews in the world. Of these, 6,500,000, exclusive of the Jewish population of Soviet Russia, inhabited continental Europe. When the war ended, those 6,500,000 had been reduced to not more than 1,400,000. Official German documents used at the Nuremberg trials of the Nazi war criminals, show that about 6,000,000 European Jews were murdered. This figure includes one and a half million who died on the soil of Soviet Russia during the Nazi occupation.

The mind staggers at the astronomical proportions of this mass murder, unprecedented for barbarity and ferocity in human annals. Before the war, Poland had a Jewish population of 3,500,000. Today, less than 80,000 survive, including 10,000 who have fled to the American zone of occupation in Germany. The pre-war Jewish population of Hungary numbered 800,000. Of these, less than 180,000 are alive today. The Jewish population of Belgium was reduced from 83,000 to 15,000. In Greece, where 65,000 Jews formerly lived, less than 2,000 are left. The statistics for other countries which fell into the clutches of the Nazis all follow the same ghastly pattern.

Before the war there were 1,300,000 Jewish children up to fourteen years of age in Europe. Of these, less than 150,000 survive. Most of them are fully or half-orphaned. In all of Poland less than 5,000 Jewish children are alive. A painstaking and carefully conducted investigation by responsible inter-governmental and Jewish agencies reveals the shocking fact that out of a pre-war population in Poland of 3,500,000, no more than 100 Jewish families are intact today. I shall not challenge your credulity any further by dwelling upon this gruesome balance-sheet.

The fearful casualties of the war have inevitably, however lamentably, blunted our ability to comprehend the significance of these staggering figures. Perhaps three things should be said in connection with these statistics. First, that they are indisputably accurate and have been verified by competent authorities; second, that they do not include the casualty lists of Jews who served in the armed forces

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AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM OFFICER TELLS JEWS' POSITION

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of the United Nations; and third, that these 6,000,000 human beings must be placed in a category completely apart from the conventional lists of military and civilian war casualties.

These people were deliberately machine-gunned, asphyxiated, jammed in freight cars exuding poison gases; they were slowly starved and systematically exterminated. Their veins were drained of blood for plasma and then filled with air bubbles, that they might die in torment. They dropped dead in exhaustion from forced labor or perished in futile resistance as did the heroic defenders of the Warsaw ghetto against overwhelming and impossible odds. And now their shattered remnants, save in those liberal lands in which democracy and decency are being restored, are compelled not only to face the common hardships of the general population, but are exposed to the back-wash of a persistent and malevolent anti-Semitism which curses the ground and poisons the very atmosphere in which they live. Only 165,000 of the 765,000 Jews who survive in Eastern Europe reside in countries where UNRRA may operate. 600,000 are presently in ex-enemy countries and consequently ineligible for intergovernmental assistance.

THIS FRIGHTFUL CATASTROPHE is much more than the concern of Jews. It imposes a heavy obligation upon the collective conscience of the world. Speaking in New Haven a few weeks ago, Senator Alben Barkley declared: "The hunger, homelessness and destitution of Europe's 1,400,000 Jewish survivors is a major issue which the governments of the world must recognize as a primary factor in the foundation of a permanent peace." On the same day, in a public address at Patterson, New Jersey, Senator Harley Kilgore of West Virginia, said, "Restoration to a life of security and dignity for Europe's homeless and destitute Jewish survivors must be the world's first step toward just compensation for the agonies suffered by the first victims of Nazism."

And John D. Rockefeller, in a statement accompanying his gift of \$100,000 to the \$100,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, wrote as follows: "The plight of the Jewish survivors abroad makes an appeal that needs no argument or reinforcement." Certain it is that no permanent stability is possible for any people or nation in Europe unless a just and humane solution is found for the broken and dispossessed remnants of Israel.

The greatest and most immediate need is obviously relief and rehabilitation. The ravages of war and concentration camps and the continuing scarcity of food, clothing, shelter and medical supplies have created a problem of the first magnitude. A vast program of philanthropic assistance to supplement the inadequate aid from other sources has been undertaken by the Jewish communities in lands of freedom.

First and foremost there is the necessity of keeping these people alive; of preventing famine, exposure and disease from making still greater inroads on their shrunken numbers. The Jews of America have set themselves the Herculean task of raising \$100,000,000 to further this program. In many cities the campaigns are already under way, and there is every indication that the quotas will be met. Never has American Jewry been more united in its unstinted support of a project

than it is today on behalf of its suffering co-religionists in all the countries of their tragedy.

A SECOND POINT upon which there is no disagreement either among Jews or non-Jews is that those survivors of the Hitler fury who have been uprooted from their former homes and wish to return, ought to be encouraged and assisted to do so. The peace treaties have not yet been written. If the victory of the United Nations is not to be stripped of all ethical and moral significance, if the Four Freedoms for which we fought are to be part of the post-war world we want to live in, then it is imperative that the citizens of every state, regardless of race or religion, be fully protected by a constitution and a bill of rights guaranteeing the political, economic and social equality of every man, woman and child. You cannot have a first-class world and countenance second and third class citizens. Moreover, no Jew should be compelled against his will to return to a land in which he was despoiled, degraded, stripped of citizenship and reduced to a pariah.

This means that opportunities for emigration to other countries must be afforded to displaced and stateless persons of all faiths, who recoil with horror from returning to lands which have become graveyards for them, for their families and their hopes. There are many sparsely settled countries and territories in the world that are able to provide homes for these victims of brutality. It is incumbent upon the free peoples of the world, not only for reasons of humanity but for political considerations as well, to cooperate in finding a solution for this problem, which goes far beyond the scope of philanthropy and relief.

As far as the stateless Jews in Europe are concerned, Palestine unquestionably offers the most promising solution. There are approximately 100,000 Jews in the Displaced Persons camps in the American and British occupied zones in Germany and Austria. Of these, it is reported that the overwhelming majority, probably more than ninety per cent, are desperately eager to emigrate to Palestine. Bartley Crum, our fellow San Franciscan, who is a member of the Anglo-American Committee on Inquiry that has recently completed an exhaustive survey of the Jewish problem in Europe and Palestine, after touring the American zone in Germany, said: "If we don't clear out the Displaced Persons camps in the United States zone in Germany, we will have mass suicides of Jews, or they will try to fight their way into Palestine."

Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, in an address at Temple Emanu-El last week, presented a graphic description of the pitiful scenes she observed at first-hand during her recent visit to Germany. As an illustration of the passionate desire of these unfortunates, to begin their lives anew in an atmosphere of freedom and decency, she recounted the incident of an old woman who knelt at her feet in the mud, clasped her arms around Mrs. Roosevelt's knees, and looking beseechingly into her face, whispered the one word, "Palestine."

President Truman, aware of this wide-spread sentiment among the stateless Jewish refugees overseas, addressed a letter last August 21st to the Prime Minister of England requesting the admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine. It is understandable that this yearning for an open door to

BLOOD Accusation at Galatz, Roumania. A few days before the Passover of 5619, the Jews of the town were accused of having bled a Christian child in the hand for the purpose of the observance of the **APRIL 14, Seder**. There was no suspicion of murder, still fifteen Jews were arrested the next evening while in the synagogue at worship. On the following day, April 14, 1859, a large mob of several thousand people gathered and attacked the Jews in the synagogue. There was considerable bloodshed and great damage was wrought including the destruction of many of the sacred objects, including the desecration of fifty Torah scrolls. The riots continued for several days. The fifteen persons arrested were ultimately all released without being convicted of any crime. It wasn't, however, until 1867 that the Jews of the community were permitted to rebuild their destroyed synagogue.

Papal Bull Granting Rights to Jews. Solomon De Sabalduchio was body physician to Pope Boniface IX. It was

APRIL 15, through this physician's efforts that the Pope became very favorable to the Jews in general and to the Jews of Rome in particular. On April 15, 1402 the Pope issued a Bull in which he ordered the senators, the conservators, and all other functionaries of Rome to protect the Jews from every kind of drudgery, overreaching and violence, under the penalty of excommunication and a fine of 1,000 gold florins. The wearing of the badge by the Jews was repealed. No Jew could be molested on a simple writ of

opportunity and freedom and the recovery of human dignity should be so passionate in the hearts of these people. Millions of Jews in America reject the political philosophy of Zionism, but I have yet to meet a Jew who does not heartily support and encourage to the fullest, the widest possible immigration of Jewish refugees into Palestine.

MOREOVER, it cannot be denied that the Jewish people have a special claim upon that land. I do not refer to any title that goes back to biblical times. The statute of limitations has expired on that. The claim of an open door to Palestine for the Jews inheres in the Balfour Declaration issued by Great Britain during the first World War on November 2, 1917, and which reads as follows: "His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by the Jews in any other countries."

Under the terms by which Great Britain was entrusted with the mandate for Palestine by the League of Nations, it was expected that that commitment would be scrupulously and honorably fulfilled. It has not been. On the contrary, serious obstacles have been placed in the way of Jews fleeing from persecution who wish to find asylum in Palestine. The British White Paper issued in 1939 restricting Jewish immigration to 75,000 for a period of five years, and prohibiting the further acquisition of land by Jews, was unambiguously discriminatory. One does not have to be a Zionist or favor the

creation of a Jewish state in Palestine to recognize and protest these injustices. The American Jewish community today presents a paradox as far as Palestine is concerned. We are hopelessly divided in our views regarding the political future of Palestine. Many of us are unalterably opposed for reasons of deep conviction, to the establishment of a Jewish state. We are, however, completely united in our conviction that as a democratic commonwealth Palestine can and should provide a home for our disinherited and down-trodden fellow Jews who seek its shelter.

Much of the disagreement and fierce contention in both Jewish and political circles today concerning the future of Palestine is academic. Most of the Zionists are really concerned with the rescue, relief and rehabilitation of Jews and not with the politics of Palestine. Most of the anti-Zionists are equally concerned with rescue, relief and rehabilitation and are as vigorously pro-Palestine as they are anti-Jewish Nationalist.

At present the Jewish population of Palestine is approximately 600,000 Jews as against 1,200,000 Arabs. The admittance of 100,000 Jews will not materially alter this equilibrium. The land is ready and able to receive and sustain them. Competent and impartial authorities support this conclusion. The latest survey of the country's absorptive capacity was recently conducted by the American Council on Public Affairs. It was made by a group of economists headed by Robert R. Nathan, former deputy director of the office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. "From an economic point of view," their report says, "there can be no question that the Jews have been a great progressive force in Palestine. It is estimated that be-

Disraeli consistently and honorably supported all the bills which sought to remove Jewish disabilities and his conduct in this regard earned him the admiration of his great rival, Mr. Gladstone. Disraeli was proud of his Hebrew descent and regarded Christianity as developed Judaism. "One half of the world worships a Jew and the other half a Jewess," he said. He had a notable career as a writer which began with the publication of his "Vivian Gray" at the age of 22.

Death of Menachem ben Jacob, German Synagogue Poet. A member of an old family of Jewish scholars of Worms,

APRIL 16, Germany, he was the 1203 great grandson of Simson, surnamed "Hadarshan," who is quoted by Rashi (Isaiah 58:14 and Amos 6:3). Menachem is credited by Zunz with thirty-one liturgical poems, among them parts of the Ma-ariv service, "Yotzer," "Ofan," "Ahabah," "Kedushah," and a number of "slichoth." Among his elegies, "Me' one Shamayim," which has found a place in the German ritual for Tisha B'Av, deserves mention. Corresponding to the condition of the Jews during the period in which he lived, a tone of gloom and despondency prevades his poetry. It has been supposed that Menachem is identical with the liturgical poet Menachem ben Jacob de Lutra, and with Menachem of Lutra who produced a rimed compilation of the thirteen articles of faith. The theory has been that Menachem was born at Kaisterlautern and therefore he was called Menachem de Lutra. This supposition, however, does not seem tenable.

tween 615,000 and 1,125,000 Jewish immigrants could be absorbed during the next decade."

UNFORTUNATELY, the Zionist insistence that Palestine be made a Jewish state has created enormous difficulties. It has aroused the Arabs to a fever pitch of counter-nationalism, and kept the country in a state of turmoil. The policy of the Mandatory Power has been vacillating, inconsistent and unpredictable. At the present time the Anglo-American Committee on Inquiry has concluded its exhaustive investigations and is preparing its report and recommendations. One may confidently predict that the solution they will propose will be less than the Zionists demand and more than the Arabs are ready to yield. There appears to be no good reason why the country, for the present and immediate future cannot resolve its difficulties under a democratic form of government under the trusteeship of the United Nations in which there shall be equality of rights and obligations for all citizens regardless of whether they be Moslem or Jew or Christian or unbeliever. One consideration alone is of paramount importance: the great need of the homeless. Human lives must take precedence over the politics of Palestine.

We Jews are an old people. We are a religious people—the people of the Book. Again and again has our metal been tested in the fires of man's fierce inhumanity and our resistance forged on the anvil of world crisis. We know that the ultimate solution of our destiny is in the hands of God. We know that the world needs us most when it hates us most; that the anniversary of his death has been observed in England as "Primrose Day," and in connection with it a large Conservative organization has grown up, known as the "Primrose League."

This Week in Jewish History

By HARRY CUSHING

APRIL 1946

LATIMER FILES \$100,000 LIBEL SUIT AGAINST 'GENTILE NEWS'

By EDWARD H. EULENBERG

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CHICAGO—Repercussions of the Gerald L. K. Smith Feb. 7 rally, as a result of which various liberal elements in this city have been stirred to act against the planned race-hating tactics of Smith and his kind, continued here on several fronts.

Major new developments have been the following:

(1) **Ira Latimer**, Executive director of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee who caused the arrest of Smith and two associates, filed a \$100,000 libel suit on the basis of an article attacking him in the Gentile News.

(2) **Municipal Judge John V. McCormick**, who presided at the trial in which the Rev. Arthur W. Terminiello, "Father Coughlin of the South," was found guilty of disorderly conduct and fined \$100 by a jury, disqualified himself from hearing further charges against Terminiello; and against Smith and Fred Kister, the other two arrested on Latimer's charges. He sent the remaining cases to Chief Justice Edward Scheffler for re-assignment to another judge.

(3) **Motions for a new trial for Terminiello and to set aside the jury's verdict**, were overruled by Judge McCormick; and Terminiello's counsel announced an appeal would be taken directly to the State Supreme Court.

(4) **Don Lohbeck**, editor of Smith's Detroit publication was found guilty of contempt of court by Judge McCormick, and sentenced to thirty days in jail, for his conduct during the trial of Terminiello.

(5) **Lohbeck and Smith**, who earlier in the week also was found guilty of contempt and sentenced to sixty days in jail both were given stays of mittimus until June 7, to allow their counsel to file an appeal.

Latimer's suit filed in Superior Court here, named as defendants Eugene R. Flitcraft, publisher of the Gentile News, and Kister, national chairman of the Christian Veterans of America. The suit names Kister as author of the allegedly defamatory article, "The Revolution is on," which ran in the March issue of the Gentile News.

The suit, filed by Attorney Landon L. Chapman, de-

nies that Latimer is agent for Moscow or any foreign government; that he conspired with any judges; and that he caused the arrest of Smith, Kister and Terminiello on "ridiculous charges."

The suit quoted the following from the article: "The next morning, we learned that Ira Latimer, Moscow agent in Chicago, had conspired with two judges (Caplan and Heller) to have all three of our speakers arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and inciting to riot. We don't intend to allow these criminals to get away with their dastardly charges."

The pending charges which Judge McCormick asked to be re-assigned, include those of disorderly conduct against Smith and Kister; and inciting to riot against Terminiello and Kister.

By the middle of this week, Judge Scheffler had not yet made the re-assignment, and had indicated that several days might pass before he does.

The action on which Lohbeck and Smith were held in contempt was the distribution in court during the Terminiello trial of a press release attacking Latimer. Judge McCormick ruled that the act constituted contempt, despite a plea by defense counsel that, since court was not in session at the time, contempt had not been committed.

Judge McCormick commented that Lohbeck's punishment should be less than Smith's because he acted under orders from Smith; but added, "He was guilty of contempt and should have known better."

In sentencing Smith, Judge McCormick made the following statement:

"We are at the close of a trial conducted under difficult—I might say unparalleled—conditions. During the trial I was patient. Before the trial commenced I told counsel I would tolerate no disorder or other improper conduct in the court room. At the request of counsel for the defendants, and in spite of rules, I permitted you (Smith) and your associates to sit at the table with counsel.

"Your highly improper conduct toward the jury caused me to rescind that permission, and to again caution you through counsel. I made no charge of

contempt, I was still patient. I could, but I will not enter into a long recital of improper and contemptuous acts committed by you in the court room. Then there came to my attention the happening out of which this hearing grew. If the conduct of you and your associates in and toward an American court of law affords a test of your attitude toward other American institutions, it behooves Americans to look squarely at the philosophy which confronts them.

"Your counsel among other things have pleaded for leniency. I think they could have urged it with more effect if you were an uneducated man with no knowledge of court procedure. I regard your act a great contempt and in view of that fact I think I have heeded the plea of your counsel in the sentence I will now impose."

Smith issued a statement saying he was honored at being chosen in an "issue . . . involving the free press." He said his organization will finance Terminiello's appeal, "Because it involves free speech."

Smith and Lohbeck were not the only ones of the Smith cohorts who drew rebukes from the Court for their trial conduct. Terminiello himself was cited for contempt for a nose-thumbing gesture toward Prosecutor A. A. Pantelis, but was purged when he apologized to Judge McCormick. Kister also was cited in connection with the press release distribution, but was cleared when the court accepted his explanation that he had nothing to do with the distribution.

A minor development was the withdrawal of Albert W. Dilling as counsel for Leo Beckhoefer, 27, a commercial artist and another Smith associate, charged with disorderly conduct; and the postponement of the hearing to May 6 before Municipal Judge Charles S. Dougherty. Dilling is the former husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, author of "The Red Network." The delay was granted to allow for the appearance of Beckhoefer's new attorney, Floyd M. Kenlay, who was out of the city.

UN HAMSTRUNG BY BIG 3; SILVER SAYS U. S. 'UNINSPIRED'

Special

CLEVELAND, O.—A warning that the great powers are using the United Nations as a "shuttlecock in their game of power politics" was given by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in his Passover sermon in the Temple here.

Pointing to the widespread want in the world and the lack of political stability in many countries, he declared "The four freedoms for which mankind waged the last war are far from won."

"The United Nations may become instrumental in the attainment of these freedoms for mankind," he said. "But unfortunately it has as yet not been permitted to function in the spirit in which it was created. The great powers are using it as a shuttlecock in their game of power politics."

Declaring that not a single great power has so far emerged as the disinterested champion of the rights of long-suffering mankind, Dr. Silver charged the "role of our own country in the United Nations has so far been ambiguous, uncertain and uninspired."

"The high hope of the world is not that the United States should get tough with one imperial power or bolster up the interests of another imperial power but that it should get right with itself," he said.

"Following its own noble traditions of freedom and the rights of man, it should throw the whole weight of its influence behind the new world organization whose task it is to defend the right of all peoples."

Silver Gives \$5,000 to HUC

Special

CINCINNATI—Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, has made a personal gift of \$5,000 to Hebrew Union College.

Yeshiva College Snubs Hearst Bid

Special

NEW YORK — The decision of officials of Yeshiva College not to participate in the annual oratorical contest and the American history contest of the New York Journal-American, was hailed by The Commentator, student publication of the institution. The paper in an editorial described the newspaper as a "bible of bigotry." "The decision by the administration to cancel acceptance of the Hearst invitation marks a new awareness on its part of the place of Yeshiva in the political and social life of the American Jewish community," the editorial said. "We hope that more signs of such an awakening are imminent."

HUC Gets \$10,000 Warburg Gift

Special

CINCINNATI — A check for \$10,000 was received by Hebrew Union College from Mrs. Felix M. Warburg on the occasion of her seventieth birthday. Mrs. Warburg wrote that in gratitude for her long and happy life, "having reached the Biblical age of threescore-and-ten," she was making gifts to causes in which she is interested.

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Frisch Bids for Support; Says ZOA is Unselfish

Special

NEW YORK — Declaring that "the General Zionists are the only group within the Zionist framework which will try unselfishly to bring about an integrated Jewish community in Palestine," Daniel Frisch, chairman of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, appealed to American Jewry to give the Zionist Organization of America its rightful leadership at the World Zionist Congress.

Speaking at a conference of 200 Zionist leaders held this week to launch the Greater New York Shekel Campaign, Mr. Frisch expressed great concern over the growing factional divisions within Palestine itself.

"I honestly believe that only the General Zionists, the largest entity in American Jewish life, as represented by the Zionist Organization of America can unite the various groups within Jewish Palestine. The greatest service any American Jew can render to Zionism is to give the leadership of the Congress to the Zionist Organization of America as it is constituted today and as it is represented in its leadership."

Rabbi and Mrs. Jacob H. Honig announce the birth of their son, Daniel Isaiah, on Monday, April 8, at Huntington Hospital, Huntington, Long Island.

NATION'S LARGEST HADASSAH CHAPTER RAISES \$176,725 IN PAST YEAR

Special

PHILADELPHIA—\$176,725 was raised by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Hadassah for support of welfare agencies in Palestine, it was announced at the annual donor held last week. This was \$6,725 in excess of the \$170,000 goal set.

More than 4,000 women, each of whom contributed to the fund a minimum of \$18, heard Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, national president, speak.

Thieves Get Handbags, \$208 in Rabbi's Office

Special

PHILADELPHIA—Thieves ransacked the office of Rabbi Maurice I. Kliers in Temple Shalom, Large St. and Roosevelt Blvd., last week, taking handbags containing \$208 while the rabbi and members of the congregation were in another part of the building. Entering through an unlocked window, the thieves had access to members' coats, hats and handbags, which had been left there.

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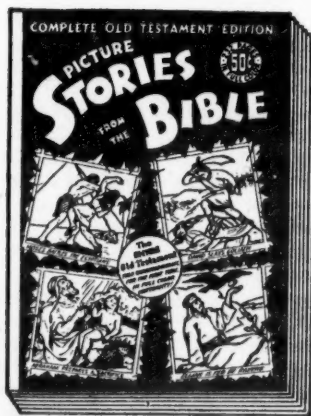
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CINCINNATI—A second window of Cathedral glass has been installed in the Chapel at Hebrew Union College. The remaining windows, gift of the Alumni Association, will be installed as soon as all materials are available.

To Paint Morgenstern Portrait

Special

CINCINNATI—Eric Goldberg, Montreal, has been commissioned by the Alumni Association of Hebrew Union College to paint the portrait of the president, Dr. Julian Morgenstern.



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